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Groove Committee, a band consisting of University of Wisconsin-Stout students, plays at the backyard bash which was held indoors at the Terrace of the Memorial Student Center. The Backyard Bash is an annual event to welcome the students who are coming to UW-Stout for the first time as well as those who are returning for another year.



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The Menomonie Gateway Project

Jerad Maplethorpe
News Editor

The Menomonie Gateway Project is a proposed four-story apartment complex that is to be constructed at the former Leevers' grocery store site.

The apartment complex will be comprised of two L-shaped buildings with a parking lot in between. There will be retail space featured on the first floor. According to Mayor Knaack, the project is to be built in two phases, although it remains uncertain whether both "phases" will be built at the same time. An additional 28 parking spots are required for phase two to begin. This may be a difficult task to accomplish, as parking in downtown Menomonie is already scarce.

The lot remained undeveloped because Super Value was collecting rent payments even though the building was vacant. Once the location became available, its development ensued quickly, too quickly in the eyes of Lucy Lammer, the owner of Lammer's Food Fest. In an interview, Lammer states that, "There simply wasn't enough research done on the matter. I'm not opposed to the idea. I just want to know more."

Lammer isn't alone. Mayor Randy Knaack vetoed the original proposition in order to allow for two more weeks to research the project

and clear up any uncertainties. Menomonie city council dismissed his request. Mayor Knaack is skeptical but not entirely opposed to the project. His concern is rooted in the fact that nearly 30 percent of Menomonie's current rental properties are available.

Knaack was hopeful that the city would hold a referendum in order for the citizens to have a say in the matter. No referendum took place and the 10 members of city council decided unanimously that the project would go ahead as planned.

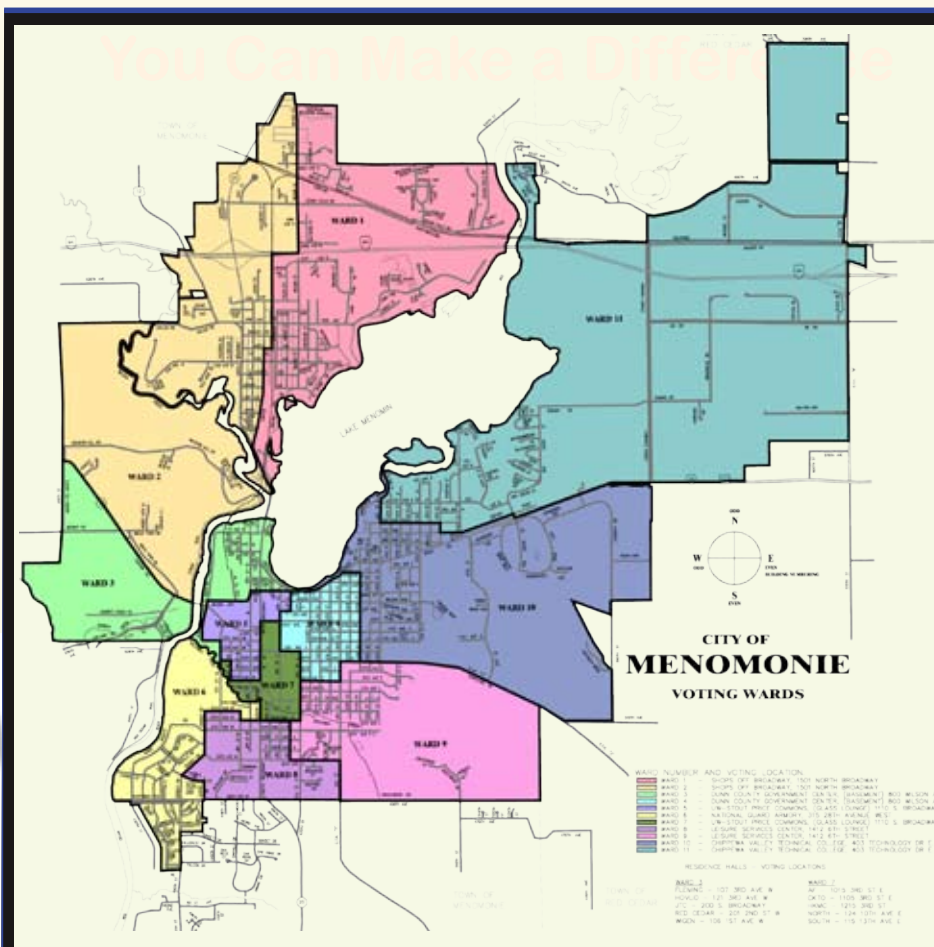
The price to live in the new apartment complex will be approximately \$500 per bedroom. The price is a bit steep but necessary in order to cover the \$20,000,000

project, plus heating, electricity, maintenance, etc.

Another potential concern is security. Most of the residents will likely be third year students who are looking for housing outside of the dorms. The Chancellor's Campus Alcohol Education and Enforcement Plan will certainly deter some students from participating in excessive alcohol consumption, although it is uncertain whether or not it will

stop the problem entirely.

The Menomonie Gateway Project is currently facing a potential lawsuit, however the city is asking for it to be dismissed. The group known as the "Concerned Property Owners of Menomonie," which consists of property owners and residents of Menomonie, filed the lawsuit because they were concerned that the new apartment complex will adversely affect their well-being. As of now, the lawsuit is only



Where to Vote:

Wards 1 & 2

Shops Off Broadway
1501 North Broadway

Wards 3 & 4

Government Center
800 Wilson Ave.

Wards 5 & 7

UW-Stout Commons
1110 South Broadway

Ward 6

National Guard Armory
315 28th Avenue West

Wards 8 & 9

Leisure Services Center
1412 6th Street

Wards 10 & 11

Chip Valley Tech College
403 Technology Drive



September 11th
The last nine years

Jerad Maplethorpe
News Editor

As the ninth anniversary of 9/11 approaches, it's important to have an understanding of both the cost of the United States' involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan and the ongoing struggles the U.S. faces today.

Most of Obama's time in office has been spent addressing the unstable economy, working on Wall Street and Health Care reform bills and dealing with the gulf oil spill, all of which has resulted in a dramatic decrease in the media's coverage of the situation in the Middle East.

Approximant cost of the war in Iraq:
\$745,000,000,000

Approximant cost of the war in Afghanistan:
\$331,000,000,000

American fatalities in Iraq since 3/19/03:
4417

American fatalities in Afghanistan since
2001: 1142

Number of
documented
civilian deaths
in Iraq since
2003: 97,691 –
106,600

On July 25, 2010, WikiLeaks, a company that "publishes and comments on leaked documents alleging government and corporate misconduct," released a collection of 91,000 documents known as the Afghan War Diary. The report included lethal military actions, intelligence information, meetings with political figures and other related details. The U.S. Military condemned WikiLeaks for releasing the sensitive material, noting that the information could put the troops in a considerable amount of danger.

Although the WikiLeaks incident didn't appear to hinder U.S. operations in Afghanistan, it left many citizens questioning the military's

ability to maintain control of the war.

On Aug. 31, 2010, the United States officially ended its combat mission in Iraq. By Dec. 31, 2011, all remaining troops will be out of Iraq. The question now is whether or not Iraq will be able to establish a functional government and provide adequate security for its citizens.

At some point during the last nine years, Islam became known as the primary reason for the 9/11 attacks, even though the attacks were carried out by a small group of extremists. Terry Jones, a pastor at Dove World Outreach

Church in Florida, plans on hosting Burn a Quran Day on Sept. 11, an obvious ploy to blame the Islamic religion for the 9/11 attacks. His message is clear: Islam is an evil religion.

The event has spawned protests worldwide. Hundreds of Afghans burned U.S. flags while chanting "Death to America." General Petraeus is outraged by the church's plan. He stated that the event could cause "significant problems" for his troops. When Jones was asked whether or not he would carry through with his demonstration, he stated, "We have firmly made up our mind, but at the same time, we are definitely praying about it."

**Wisconsin Primary is on
September 14th**

New policies going into effect this semester

Jerad Maplethorpe
News Editor

On Aug. 30, 2010, in his opening day address, Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen spoke about how this should be an outstanding year at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. This year, the University is expecting a record enrollment of approximately 9,200.

As of Wednesday, Sept. 1, Stout was the first campus in the UW-System to go tobacco-free. The reason for the tobacco-free initiative, according to Chancellor Sorensen, is that, "It's a health and safety issue. We care about the safety of all of our people."

Students are expected to hand out cards when they notice someone using tobacco on campus property. The effectiveness of student enforcement is yet to be determined.

Another policy going into effect this semester, known as the Campus Alcohol Education and Enforcement Plan, aims to deter over consumption of alcohol. In the last two years, six UW-Stout students have died in alcohol-related incidents. "We have a serious issue," Sorensen said, noting the University's drinking culture.

"Some 20 percent of students drink to ex-

cess," Sorensen said. "They give us a reputation we don't want. We'll focus sharply on those students."

The policy will increase law enforcement, especially for the purpose of busting house parties, step up efforts to detect fake IDs, require more students to schedule Friday classes and impose stronger sanctions on students who violate alcohol laws. Possible consequences of violating these laws include suspension from the University and, in rare circumstances, expulsion.

The Dunn County Alcohol Task Force, which is comprised of the UW-Stout Police Department, the Menomonie Police Department and the Dunn County Sheriff's Department, cited two homes on Monday night for furnishing alcohol to minors, a \$452.50 fine, and selling alcohol without a license, a \$767.50 fine. Lisa Walter, the chief of the UW-Stout Police Department, stated that the enforcement aims to address "the environmental factors that allow people to consume a significant amount of alcohol."

For more information about the University's efforts to reduce excessive alcohol consumption, contact Walter at 715-232-2266, walterl@uwstout.edu or go to www.dunncountyalcohol-taskforce.com.

Urec using QR Codes

Tim Mertz
University Recreation

QR Codes, which stands for quick response, are a kind of two-dimensional bar code that can be applied to printed materials. In marketing, they are used to make it easy for a mobile phone to communicate via the Web. They can send your phone to a mobile webpage or direct it to download information such as registration forms, videos or photos.

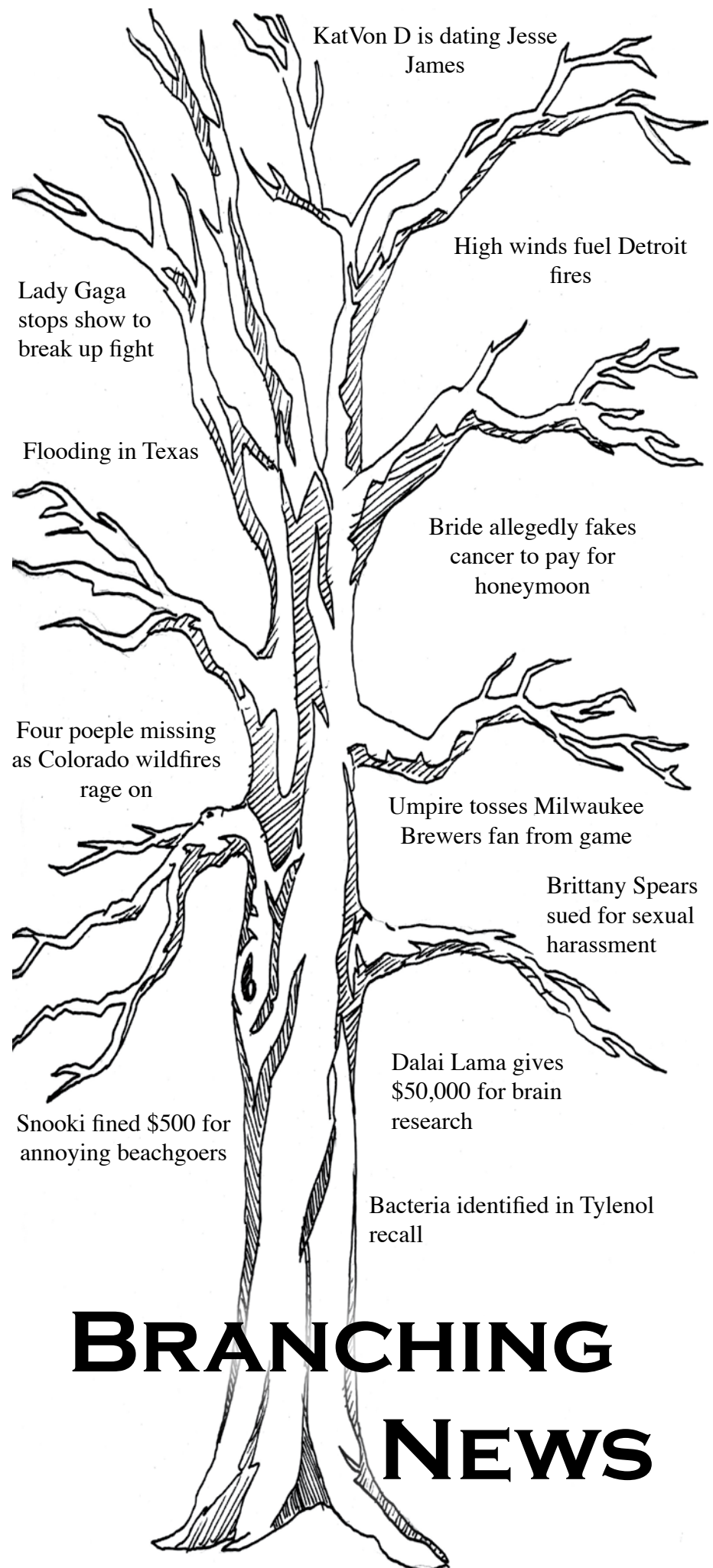
For the first time ever, Urec is using QR Codes to bridge print media and digital media. Imagine you are walking through the Student Center and notice the Stout Adventures poster advertising the Sailing Trip to the Apostle Islands. On the poster is a tiny QR Code. Using your web enabled mobile phone, you scan the QR Code, and your phone will instantly take you to the online registration form where you can sign up for the trip. It's that easy. There are a variety of QR Code apps for different phones and downloading them takes seconds and is free. Once you download the app, you can scan any QR Code seen on campus. Popular phones offering QR apps include the iPhone, Droid and Blackberry.

This technology promotes the "call to ac-

tion". The "call to action" is one of the most important concepts in marketing and promotion. Once a marketer has established that they have something of value to offer and that they're the perfect choice to deliver it, you want to ask people to take the next step. You deliver a "call to action". That is precisely how Urec intends to use this new technology. A student can see a poster for an event, decide to attend the event, scan the QR Code on the poster and instantly register for the event.

Urec realizes the importance of mobile phones and digital media to today's students, faculty/staff and surrounding community. As target audiences are bombed with advertisements, posters and displays, using innovative technology like QR Codes should help University Recreation stand out from the crowd. By continuing to find innovative methods to communicate programs and events to the Stout campus, Urec hopes to see QR Codes gain popularity.

To see for yourself how QR Codes work, visit www.issuu.com/urec/docs and read the Urec General Information brochure. Look for the QR Code in the lower left corner and follow the instructions. Using your phone, you can even scan the QR code directly from your computer screen.



BRANCHING NEWS

Lenn Soderlund/Stoutonia



Calendar of Events

STOUT ADVENTURES - 56 Sports & Fitness Center (232-5625)

9/13-17	FREE WEEK
9/14, 7 p.m.	Campfire & Smores
9/15, 7 p.m.	"Get to know SA" Informational Presentation
9/16, 8 p.m.	Bad Cat Bike Giveaway
9/18-19	All Nighter Campout
9/24-26	Sea Kayak the Apostle Islands
9/24-26	Sailing the Apostle Islands
9/29, 7 p.m.	Basic Bike Maintenance & Repair
10/1-3	Rock Climbing Lake Superior's North Shore

HEALTH & FITNESS CENTER - 53 Sports & Fitness Center (232-1378)

9/13 - 17	FREE WEEK (workouts and group fitness classes)
9/13	Fitness Extravaganza - Free in the West Gym from 7-8pm
Now	Registration is now open for the Blue Devil Run/Walk (5K & 10K)

INTRAMURAL SPORTS - 41 Sports & Fitness Center (232-1392)

9/15-21	Block 1 Registration at room 41 SFC
9/22	Informational meetings for team captains
9/25	Softball Tournament - Alumni Field
9/26	IM Block 1 Leagues begin play

For full event details, registration forms or to receive email updates visit the University Recreation website - <http://urec.uwstout.edu>

You might be a freshman if...

1. You and eight of your friends are walking around in the middle of the night with backpacks on. We all know that you're not coming home from the library at 2 a.m. two nights before classes start.
2. You walk around Harvey Hall with a confused look on your face. This will be you're home for the next four years. Learn it, know it, love it.
3. You pull out your car keys and have the same lanyard attached to them as 1,000 of your peers.
4. You get on top of a campus building for some reason. There isn't much to do up there, just a hefty fine awaiting you when you get spotted.
5. You think that you'll someday be in the top of the clock tower ringing the bell like Quasimodo. You won't; it's harder to get into than Harvard University.
6. Your clothes that you brought to school are feeling a little bit more snug by WinTerM.
7. You don't know what WinTerM means.
8. You don't know about the magic of Advisement Day eve.
9. You haven't gone out for wings on a Wednesday at the Waterfront.
10. You think a "Teddy's Tube Steak" is a sexual innuendo.

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Smokin' Geniuses

Famous smokers of our age...
Too bad the next one won't come from Stout

SCIENTISTS

Albert Einstein
Thomas Edison
Robert Oppenheimer
Edwin Hubble
Sigmund Freud

WRITERS

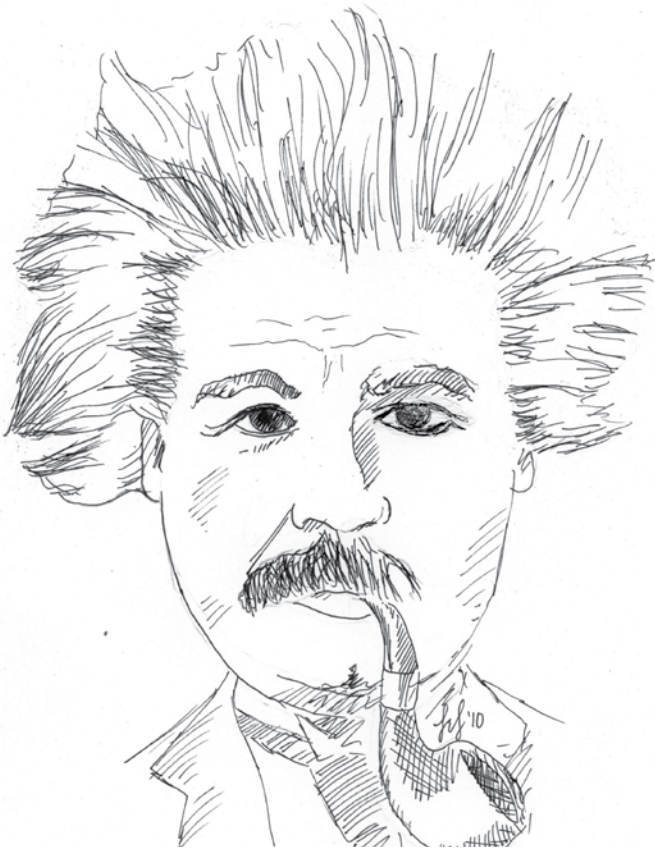
George Orwell
Jean-Paul Sartre
J.R.R. Tolkien
J.K. Rowling
Mark Twain

POLITICAL LEADERS

Winston Churchill
Bill Clinton
Franklin Delano Roosevelt
John F. Kennedy
Gerald Ford
Barack Obama

ARTISTS

Vincent Van Gogh
Claude Monet
Pablo Picasso
Joni Mitchell
Piet Mondriaan



The world's greatest scientist with his beloved pipe.
Lenn Soderlund/Stoutonia

Nov. 22 - Dec. 21  **Sagittarius**
Once you charge yourself up and get moving toward a special goal, you will become energized in the process. There is no cause for worry unless you start dressing in a pink bunny suit and carrying around a bass drum.

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19  **Capricorn**
Love and admiration is in the cards. Someone reveres you greatly for your incredible uniqueness, your talents, your intelligence and your amazing heart. No, we're not referring to yourself...

Jan. 20 - Feb. 18  **Aquarius**
With a money issue, don't sign anything just yet. If you are looking to increase your financial stability, someone in your own social circle may be able to offer a tip on an investment or some accounting advice. As long as this person has no ties to Bernie Madoff, you may benefit.

Feb. 19 - March 20  **Pisces**
Getting ahead can be a slow process. Two steps forward, one step back. Now dosey-doe and spin your partner. Promenade.

March 21 - April 19  **Aries**
You have accomplished something seemingly small that will make big waves in your life. We're not talking about a tsunami or anything, but friends may be seasick with envy.

April 20 - May 20  **Taurus**
You have the power now to do just about anything you set your mind to and your stubborn streak is on a mission. If at first you do succeed, don't look so surprised.

May 21 - June 20  **Gemini**
Someone may egg you on, treat you unkindly or do things that will really get your engine revved up, but always remember that sticks and stones really do break bones and will probably get you mixed up with the police.

June 21 - July 22  **Cancer**
For too long now you have been held back. It's time to shine and show the world what you're really made of: 60 percent cotton, 35 percent nylon and 5 percent polyester.

July 23 - Aug. 22  **Leo**
Open your mind to other possibilities because change is really coming. You will have to find a larger piggy bank.

Aug. 23 - Sept. 22  **Virgo**
You may have had expectations about how things will turn out in a certain area of your life, but you now have far greater potential to get what you want than you ever have in the past. Burger King has so many options.

Sept. 23 - Oct. 22  **Libra**
It's terrific that you are finally choosing to acknowledge your more vulnerable side. Okay, it's more of an "area" than a "side." However, giving in to it might help you to achieve that sense of balance you've been missing.

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21  **Scorpio**
You may be expecting a mystery to resolve itself, but it will take some detective work. Was it Colonel Mustard in the study with the rope? Or was it Professor Plum in the billiard room with a shovel? The good news is that it will all turn out for the best.

Heads-up freshmen

Some things to know as you step foot on campus

Eric Thorson

Editor in Chief

The Good

To all you freshmen and transfers who are picking up the Stoutonia for the first time, welcome and thank you for continuing to promote the nearly 100 years of this student-run newspaper. You are entering the University of Wisconsin-Stout at a time where the campus, as we veterans know it, is changing.

UW-Stout provides you with a plethora of opportunities and resources should you choose to utilize them. If you decide to give a damn you actually can make a difference around here. Apathy among the student population is one of the biggest problems on campus. During the voting process for the tobacco ban, it was up to the students to decide whether or not it would be implemented. Less than 1,000 out of a possible 9,000 students even bothered to cast a vote. That is embarrassing. All it took was a couple of clicks of the mouse to have your opinion counted and a staggering amount of students decided that was too much work. Stout is trying to build a reputation on the national stage where that type of laziness among students

is just ridiculous.

This is no longer the "When in doubt go to Stout" of yesteryear. We are becoming a respectable Polytechnic University with respectable degrees and one of the most comprehensive Distance Learning environments around. That basically means that many of our programs offer everything that you need to get your degree online without ever having physically attended a class here. The job placement rate of graduates is high; graduates of UW-Stout are sought after by employers while the economy is still reeling. This institution doesn't need to be just a platform for launching you on your secondary education, the degree you receive from here will not be scoffed by potential employers once you graduate.

We've surpassed the 9,000-student plateau and the count continues to climb with each passing year and will most likely reach the milestone of 10,000 students. The only way that will happen is if this campus is able to retain students after the first year, which has been a major issue at this University in the past. If you're a freshman reading this, there is a pretty good chance that you won't be here next year. Getting freshmen to stay is one of the main initiatives of administration and steps are being taken to ensure you stay here. There are plenty of benefits to going to school here

in Menomonie, so if you want to be successful here at UW-Stout there is a very simple set of rules to follow: Go to class, give a damn and don't get too caught up in partying.

The bad, ugly

Administration is attempting to change the culture that UW-Stout has adopted over the years along with the stigma that the name of this school carries. Mainly, that we are a school that attracts students who party in excess from Thursday night through Sunday Funday. Alcohol Enforcement around campus and Menomonie is on the rise after numerous alcohol-related student deaths have occurred over the past few years. It is no secret that many students here partake in an insane amount of alcoholic beverages on any given night of the week. The deaths of our peers in the Blue Devil community should be enough to teach the population not to over-indulge, but it hasn't. Lets be honest, we are never going to have a culture like Brigham Young University, voted the worst party school by the Princeton Review, but we can at the very least not kill ourselves with alcohol.

The effects have already been felt. Two house parties were busted on Monday, Sept. 6 where residents were ticketed for alcohol distribution

according to Rivertowns.net out of River Falls, Wis. The Dunn County Alcohol Task Force will be out and about in full force looking for large house parties. You won't be immune to penalties even if everyone in attendance is 21 or older. A ticket for distributing to a minor will cost around \$450 where selling alcohol without license will set you back nearly \$800.

As most of you are probably well aware of due to the desired publicity it has received, a campus-wide tobacco ban has been implemented and went into effect on Sept. 1. This ban is student enforced, meaning that the most punishment you will receive for smoking on campus is a dirty look or a verbal lashing from one of your peers or a faculty member. I am in no way encouraging you to break the rule and smoke/chew on campus, and props go out to those that I've seen smoking right across the street from campus; it is very noble of you newcomers to abide by this new rule.

The tobacco ban is a direct result of the decisions of the student body, while the alcohol enforcement is designed to protect the student body from itself. Believe it or not, the administration had our safety at heart when making these new rules, but not necessarily our wallets.

What is your reaction to the University tobacco ban?

Riley Hamilton
Junior
Construction
Nonsmoker



"I don't feel that the University has the right to run the lives of students in this situation; students should be allowed to smoke outside."

Brianna Elliot
Sophomore
Dietetics
Nonsmoker



"My reaction to the ban is: Good! I'm not a smoker."

Chelsey Baranzyk
Sophomore
Applied Science
Nonsmoker



"I'm happy with the ban. Last year people used to smoke right under our dorm window. It will be nice not to have to deal with smoke wafting in our room this year."

Sara Havinga
Sophomore
GCM
Nonsmoker



"I am for the tobacco ban. I prefer not having smoke blowing in my face."

Erika Jubie
Freshman
Retail
Occasional Smoker



"The ban is going to help me quit. I think that for people who do smoke the ban will suck, but it will help keep campus clean."

Katelyn Weiler
Freshman
Multi-media Design
Occasional Smoker



"If you really want to smoke, I think you should be able to outside."

Daniel Hooley
Freshman
Applied Science
Occasional Smoker



"The tobacco ban doesn't really affect me. If I'm going to smoke, it is usually off campus anyway. I'm not someone who needs a cigarette right away in the morning."

Trae Coleman
Freshman
Business Administration
Occasional Smoker



"I think that the smoking ban might not work since it is student enforced. I think mostly it is about having manners and respecting the people around you if you are smoking."

Buddy Isbell
Senior
Psychology
Smoker



"The tobacco ban is dumb. It is our right as legal adults to smoke. If you are 18 and old enough to fight a war in Iraq then you should be allowed to smoke outside. Last time I checked, secondhand smoke wasn't around 20 years ago."



Homegrown Grooves

FUNKIFIES THE BACKYARD BASH

UW-STOUT STUDENT BAND GROOVE COMMITTEE



Michael Grevas/Stoutonia

Andrew Vogl
Entertainment Editor

University of Wisconsin-Stout students Jonathan Sollie (vocals and alto sax), Chris Lyons (bass), Danny Kuchenbecker (guitar), Greg Carlstrom (drums), Chris Brink (alto sax), Chris Forster (trumpet) and Charlie Schretenthaler (bongos) make up the funky-fresh mega band, Groove Committee. The group's most recent lineup formed on a whim after lead singer Sollie fished for interested band mates via Facebook. After gaining recognition through word-of-mouth around UW-Stout and playing at Open Mic Nights, Groove Committee found itself performing at one of the biggest events of the year, the Backyard Bash.

Groove Committee is made up of a vast array of students from various backgrounds including art, business and technical education. The members' influences are rooted in straight-up George-Clinton-James-Brown-Parliamentary funk, although no one in the band claims to have funky roots.

"None of us really have funk backgrounds," says Sollie. "I'm more of a jazz guy, and our guitar and bass players are more death metal guys. Our tastes have definitely changed to say the least."

Not only that, but many of the members are also in band and choir here at UW-Stout.

"I did marching band in high school, but my chops weren't quite up to par," says Sollie. "Then senior year I joined choir as a tenor and ended up getting into our vocal jazz ensemble. That's where I started singing publically, and then since college I've just been doing choir."

The choir-boy-turned-rockstar Sollie admits that making the change to performing in a funk band wasn't entirely easy.

"Singing with a band has been a blast, but it's a lot different than choir music," he says. "The guys used to always give me a hard time because I sing like a little pretty boy. They told me that I need to be grungier; something with a little more 'umph' to it," Sollie says with a grin.

From here, the band plans on continuing to play gigs and house parties, and possibly eventually recording an album. They are working on some new original material, but at the moment play mostly covers. Their live show features an array of funky classics from artists such as James Brown, Wild Cherry, Stevie Wonder and Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Missed the show? You can still check out Groove Committee when they perform at the Raw Deal on Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. or catch them at the Waterfront on Sept. 16 at 10 p.m. (Waterfront show is 21+).

You can also check out the band's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/GrooveCommitteeFunk for videos and commentary.



ZOO ANIMAL

Free College Block Party! September 11th

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13th ANNUAL

Yeshuapolooza



Street Level Ministries, a University of Wisconsin-Stout student organization, is putting on its 13th Annual Free College Block Party featuring a variety of bands including this year's headliner, Zoo Animal. Zoo Animal is an exciting new group out of Minneapolis, Minn. who is regularly featured on the radio station 89.3 The Current. Their music is a soulful combination of melodies and minimalism with a hint of grunge rock. Also playing will be: Blank Page Empire (Minneapolis), who are a heavy indie rock band; Bensonwells (Minneapolis) plays forceful and driving combination of indie, pop and rock; Silent Substitute (Minneapolis) is a fresh pop-rock group; newcomers The Unfortunate (Chicago, Ill.) are a soulful jazz group with a folksy twist; and The Keep (Minneapolis).

There will also be hot roasted pork from Nick the Hick's Burning Hog BBQ and the Blind Munchies coffeehouse will be serving up espresso, coffee and soda drinks. Look for imported items from the Philippines and India, band merchandise, raffle drawings, henna tattoos and an art mural. This event will be broadcast live over Street Level's own Burning Dog Radio - 101.7 FM.

Show up at the north lawn of the UW-Stout Johnson Fieldhouse on Sept. 11 anytime between 2 and 10:30 p.m.

As always, 100 percent of the funds raised from the event go to overseas missions work in the Philippines. Through this successful event, Street Level Ministries has been able to help establish a school in rural Philippines, as well as affect the lives of hundreds of persecuted tribal people in India.

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For more information about the event, contact: streetlevel@uwstout.edu

Further information about the bands may be found at the following websites:

Zoo Animal - www.myspace.com/zooanimalsound
 Blank Page Empire - www.myspace.com/blankpageempire
 Bensonwells - www.myspace.com/bensonwells
 Silent Substitute - www.myspace.com/silentssubstitute
 The Unfortunate - www.myspace.com/theunfortunateband

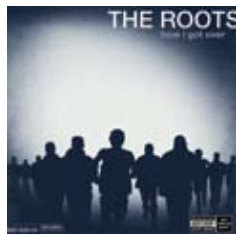
Top Five Albums of Summer 2010: Editor's Picks

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Entertainment Editor

#1 The Roots: How I Got Over

Legendary Philadelphia hip-hoppers, The Roots, released their ninth studio album this summer titled, "How I Got Over." The album marks the group's first release since accepting the gig as house band on Late Night with Jimmy Fallon. The album features loops and guest appearances from some of today's most popular indie music acts including My Morning Jacket's Jim James, six-time Grammy award-winning artist John Legend and rising indie star Joanna Newsom. This is one of the most ambitious albums to date for ?uestlove and company and demonstrates how they haven't lost their touch in the least bit. The album has received favorable reviews from just about every reputable source in the U.S. and is at the top of my list at #1 for best album of the summer.

Favorite tracks: "The Fire (ft. John Legend)", "Dear God 2.0 (ft. Monsters of Folk)" and "Right on (ft. Joanna Newsom)".



#2 Twilight: Eclipse Original Soundtrack (Various Artists)

The third and final installment of the Twilight series was released this past summer, and there are actually some interesting aspects of it that are worth writing about. In particular, the sound-

track is quite good. The film may not be your cup of tea, but the soundtrack is something everyone can enjoy. Both of Twilight: Eclipse's predecessors had strong soundtracks as well, but they certainly improved as the series progressed.

2008's Twilight soundtrack featured both previously recorded songs such as "Supermassive Black Hole" by Muse and original songs created specifically for the film including "Go All the Way (Into the Twilight)" by Perry Farrell. (That song title also happens to be incredibly suggestive, but that is a topic for another day). The soundtrack won a 2009 American Music Award for Favorite Soundtrack but left room for improvement. The film and soundtrack's success provided music director Alexandra Patsavas with a building block for future success.

Twilight: New Moon was then released in 2009 and featured a list of songs all created specifically and exclusively for the movie. The soundtrack even included music from the famed Eau Claire artist Bon Iver, as well as other popular indie acts such as Death Cab for Cutie, OK Go, Black Rebel Motorcycle Club and Thom York of Radiohead fame. It was another solid soundtrack that the Twilight: Eclipse album would have to live up to. And, live up to, it did.

After the release of the Twilight: Eclipse soundtrack over the summer, buzz began to swirl around the indie scene about the superior quality of the tracks, and independent radio stations slowly began to play songs off it. The



soundtrack quietly became one of the most unexpected hits of the summer with new original songs from artists like Sia, Vampire Weekend, The Black Keys, Cee Lo Green, Metric and more. Even if you are not a fan of the films, as I am not, the soundtracks are definitely worth taking a listen to. The Twilight: Eclipse OST came in at #2 for my top albums of the summer.

Favorite tracks: "Eclipse (All Yours)" performed by Metric, "Heavy in Your Arms" performed by Florence and the Machine and "Chop and Change" performed by The Black Keys.

#3 The Black Keys: Brothers

Favorite tracks: "Tighten Up", "Howlin' For You" and "Never Gonna Give You Up".

#4 Janelle Mon e: The ArchAndroid

Favorite tracks: "Tightrope", "Cold War" and "Mushrooms & Roses".

#5 Gorillaz: Plastic Beach

Favorite tracks: "On Melancholy Hill", "Rhinstone Eyes" and "Stylo".

Got something in mind that you don't see on the list? Email me your suggestions! (vogla@my.uwstout.edu) The top five student-chosen albums will be published in the next issue of the Stoutonia.

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Duey Naatz Appointed Athletic Director

Lauryn Seering
Sports Editor

Duey Naatz, the former head coach of the University of Wisconsin-Stout football team, has picked up a new post as the UW-Stout Athletic Director beginning on Aug. 1, 2010. Naatz has been at Stout since 1990 and served as head coach for three years prior. He is replacing Joe Harlan, who left the position earlier this year.

Naatz originally came to UW-Stout as an assistant football coach and has also been the offensive coordinator. In football, Naatz has a 17-13 overall record with an impressive 8-2 last season. Last season was one of three times in UW-Stout history that the football team won more than eight games in one season. There were noticeable improvements every semester he coached.

Upon initially meeting him, Naatz appears to be a stern looking person. He is tall, well built and a bit intimidating. After chatting with him, however anyone can see his enthusiasm for what he does. His office reveals that hunting and fishing are his passion, and a large sign that

reads, "I'll tell you when you're good enough to not do it my way" says a lot about his character. He seems excited, but busy.

"[I was told I got the job] in the middle of June," Naatz comments. "When I went through the interview process, I wanted to determine if this would be a good fit and if it was something I could do. I found out that I thought I could do this well and enjoy it. I was happy that they chose me to be the leader."

Naatz was chosen after a lengthy national search.

"I never left college," he smiles. "After twenty years, I'm still coaching. The motion of the game, being involved in this career... I never left." He is a graduate of Moorhead [Minn] State and a varsity football letter winner. He has long been Stout's leading strength and condition coordinator for all sports, as well as working as an assistant coach for track and field. He will have new tasks to focus on. When explaining his job description, he chuckles and says that he

doesn't have any one description.

"It's hard to say what I do everyday; it's a little bit of everything. My job is to make the head coaches in the different athletic programs succeed. I open doors and make their jobs easier.

There are administrative things, and part of my job is developing an overall plan of what the future holds. There are organizational things and fundraising. I'm here for the coaches; not to tell them what to do but to help them."

"I will really miss game day and the daily interaction with the students," Naatz adds. "One of the things I really want to do is be involved with the athletes. I'm looking forward to trying to improve the department



Layne Pitt / Sports Information Director
Duey Naatz began his duties August 1st, 2010.

and improve where we are at and where we are going. I don't know how yet, but that's part of the process right now. A solid plan would be awesome!"

When asked about what he wants incoming freshman to know about the UW-Stout athletic program, he was very forthcoming with his answer:

"As a department, our overall GPA is 3.0. We have some very good student athletes who are big into scholastics. Athletes are here for the right reasons; they know that they are students first. Other people don't understand that athletics is apart of their education. I would encourage all students to get involved... come to athletic events... all of the events are free. You can also sign up for Blue Crew, Stout's student fan club."

Signing up for the Blue Crew is very simple. Visit the Stout Athletics Web Page and search "Blue Crew." Provide your personal information, and you will receive e-mails about athletics on campus. You can cancel these e-mails at any time.

Working Across the Big Pond

Lauryn Seering
Sports Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's soccer team has found itself a new assistant coach. Christopher Reardon was hired in June to assist head coach Meagan Frank with the team. A native of West Midlands in England, he is not green to the coaching life.

Reardon has already worked in states across America like Florida, Mississippi, Georgia and Alabama while with the LA Galaxy and the New York Red Bulls. After returning to England in 2008, he taught Physical Education at New Invention Junior School in Walsall and also has been working with the Dudley Ladies Football Club.

Though his true purpose for coming to UW-Stout is to pursue a master's degree, that's not what initially attracted Reardon to Stout.

"Initially, the interest that Meagan [Coach Frank] had in me was really positive," Reardon said. "After my visit in February, everybody in the athletic department was very welcoming. I see a lot of potential in the soccer program."

Though he is from the West Midlands (near Birmingham) and has worked in both countries, Reardon says he prefers working in America. "I

prefer this because I see my future in coaching college soccer... I knew the first time I worked in America in 2005 that this where I wanted to be."

Reardon's schedule is very tight, however, what with the soccer season starting recently. "My days have begun with a morning practice at 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.," Reardon says. "The afternoon is the paperwork side of the job. We spend a lot of time looking at player positions, formations and planning of the coaching sessions. The next practice is 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The rest of the evening is spent on watching videos of this years opponents and beginning the recruitment process."

"It will be very difficult balancing school and work," he adds. "I'll have to be organized and keep on top of all my work. This first semester will be very demanding, but I have the right people around me to help me out when I need it."

The Blue Devils started their season on Wednesday, Sept. 1 against the University of St. Thomas. Last season, UW-

Stout had the nasty habit of losing games by missing one goal. This habit seemed to shadow them into this season (they lost to St. Thomas,



Layne Pitt / Sports Information Director
Christopher Reardon graduated from Staffordshire University in 2006 with a degree in sports Development and Coaching.

1-0), but soon they shook it off and broke a few records in a game two days later.

On Sept. 3, Stout played a shutout game against Northland College, jilting the Lumberjills, 5-0. This streak didn't last the following day, when they were on the other end of a shutout against Concordia-Moorhead. Stout lost, 7-0.

These hit-or-miss games don't faze Reardon however. "In terms of performance," says Reardon, "there were plenty of positives to pull out of the games. Individually, there were some great performances. It was frustrating to lose.... But with all of these non-conference games; we are looking at the performance of the team rather than the result."

"We have had the top three teams in our first three games, so if we can pull a few results out a bag with the big guns, who knows?" Reardon adds, "The team plays a very nice style of soccer, and I think if we can stay injury-free and our key players keep performing, then at the end of the season the Stout soccer team could be turning heads."

The women's soccer team will open at home for the first time this season on Saturday, Sept. 11, when they host St. Benedict at noon.

Creating a team: Stout Football starts Season

Laurn Seering
Sports Editor

Attention all incoming freshmen (who are unaware of the University of Wisconsin – Stout’s football team): IT’S TIME TO PAY ATTENTION! Everybody who was around last season was bound to hear about them. They had an impressive 8-2 overall record, which was one of three times in UW-Stout history that the team won eight or more games in one season. Former head coach Duey Naatz helped nurture the talents of many athletes, but it’s never easy. These athletes put more time and dedication to the love of the sport than seems plausible. They tackle busy exercise, training schedules, and one another, all while keeping up excellent academic careers.

Training starts midsummer with a whopping 25 practices before the first game. The goal of summer training is to hone the player’s bodies into being faster and stronger. This can be dangerous with the summer heat, but a set of 11 dedicated coaches carefully watches over the team’s progress and make sure no one pushes himself over the limit.

One such coach is Clayt Birmingham. Formerly the defensive coordinator, Birmingham took over duties as the UW-Stout head coach beginning with the 2010 season. Upon meeting him, one cannot help but notice how well spoken he is and passionate about the sport. The only regret he seems to have about taking the position is that it will take him away from the actual game.

“The role changes,” Birmingham said. “It’s more responsibility. There are little things, like organizing more, sending more e-mails, making more phone calls.... More stuff to take away from football.”

Birmingham is still very involved with almost every aspect of the game. He cares about his athletes and makes sure that, at the end of

the day, they go home injury-free; exhausted maybe, but injury free.

“[Our job is to] take care of the players bodies physically,” Birmingham said. “We watch to make sure they get treatments. If they have tweaks to a muscle, we put them in the cold tubs. We have them eating right in the cafeteria and keeping hydrated.

“They are required to weigh-in before and after practice so we know how much water weight they are loosing. We contact Jane Foos, the Red Cedar dietitian, if it drops too much. She’ll put them on a plan to give them more sodium, to retain water. There is so much little stuff that goes into a sport that

to take the best 100; it doesn’t matter the age. We will not discriminate talent because of age; even a freshman can be a starting player if

It’s all determined on consistency, athleticism, being accountable and maturity.

they are good enough. It’s all determined on consistency, athleticism, being accountable and maturity.”

But the summer training isn’t just about honing bodies and discovering talent; it’s

This may seem like a strict ruling, but the coaches realize that their athletes are adults. “We try to teach them to be responsible. There is a 10:30 p.m. curfew, and they don’t break it. We wake them up by 6:30 a.m., which will give them enough sleep. If they go out after curfew, it would just hurt them on the field the next day; They know this.”

This year, the team is young. It lost three of its strongest players after last season because of graduation, but that won’t hold it back. After all that hard work and effort, you know the team will push itself.

The first game of the season was on Sept. 3, against Black Hills State in Spearfish, S.D. The game was scoreless into the first half, but Black Hills scored a 12-play. Trailing 7-0 heading in the forth quarter, UW-Stout responded by tying the game. The game went into overtime with Stout needing one play to score. The Yellowjackets needed eight, and they scored on fourth, winning the game. The final score was 14-13, with the Blue Devil’s defeated by a close nip.

Describing the game, Birmingham said, “Our defense went really well, holding them in 7 points with regulation. Offensively we put a drive when we had to. (The team) really competed.... It’s a new season, though, with new players. Our goal isn’t to out-do anything. We just want to compete and win every game.”

Coach Birmingham’s advice to incoming freshman: Go to some games.

“I think there is something about having pride in your school, a sort of camaraderie,” Birmingham said, confidently. “[In college,] you may not know anybody on the team, but it’s important for college kids to experience pride in the school. It’s a great way to meet people and pretty much free entertainment. We have tailgating before the game and different prizes geared toward the dorms during. Postgame we have our fifth quarter party at the Stout Ale House. Anyone can come join us.”

Stout will host Jamestown State on Saturday, Sept. 11 at 1 p.m. at Williams Stadium. Entrance to the game is free with Stout ID.



Quarterback Ross Carey completed eight passes for 57 yards in a 15-play, 63-yard drive. Layne Pitt / Sports Information Director

many people don’t realize.”

All this attention to detail has given Stout’s football team some amazing athletes. At the beginning of summer training, there are around 130 potential players. This leaves roughly 10 players to one coach. It’s a handful, but manageable. Because everyone plays in one position, there are usually about 45 players on the offense and defense, plus a few specialist players.

The conference rule is 100-man roster, so there is an elimination process during summer training.

“They have three weeks to show us who can do it,” Birmingham said. “We are going

about team bonding, too. With 100 men, it seems an unlikely task creating one team, but the coaches at Stout work hard to make sure that the players still have fun and bond over the love of the game.

The athletes live in summer housing over the course of the training. For three weeks they eat, sleep and breathe as a team. In the off time some go golfing or to stock car races.

“Every night for dinner we have them do a ‘dinner with a teammate.’” says Birmingham. “We create a spreadsheet that says who they eat with. Veterans take the rookies to dinner, and we preach a lot of team building activities.”

Blue Devil SCOREBOARD



Blue Devil Football

Record: 0-1

The University of Wisconsin-Stout football team travelled to South Dakota on Sept. 3 to play against Black Hills State. They trailed 7-0 in the first quarter, eventually tying the game and sending it into overtime. The game was aided by quarterback Ross Carey when he tackled Yellowjacket Antawan Walker midway through the fourth quarter to tie the game. Carey then hit tailback Craig Warminski with a 25-yard scoring strike. Stout tallied 281 total yards, with Carey completing 27-of-44 passes for 235 yards of two TDs. The Blue Devil's defense held Black Hills to 189 yards, 106 passing and 83 rushing.

Next game: Stout will host Jamestown State, Saturday, Sept. 11 at 1 p.m. Admission is free with your Stout ID.



Blue Devil Volleyball

Record: 2-2

Stout's Steph Nichols had 20 kills during their game against St. Kates on Wednesday Sept. 8. Hope Weilage had 12 kills, and Tori Sandstrom had 10. Only a few times during the entire match was the score differential ever more than four points. Stout took a five point 14-9 lead in the final game.

Next Game: The women's volleyball team will play Waldorf College at 5 p.m. on Friday Sept. 10.



Blue Devil Soccer

Record: 1-2

The Blue Devils played Northland College, on Sept. 3. Three players scored their first career collegiate goals and three goalkeepers combined to shutout Northland, 5-0. The following day they were on the opposite side of a shutout against Concordia-Moorehead. The Cobbers, who are one of the top teams in the state, were formidable opponents. Stout put five shots on net and seven shots total towards the net. The Cobbers (2-0) put 22 on frame and 28 shots overall. Jesse Lankford and Becky Glass were named to the all-tournament team.

Next game: The women's soccer team will open at home for the first time this season on Saturday, Sept. 11, when they host St. Benedict at noon.

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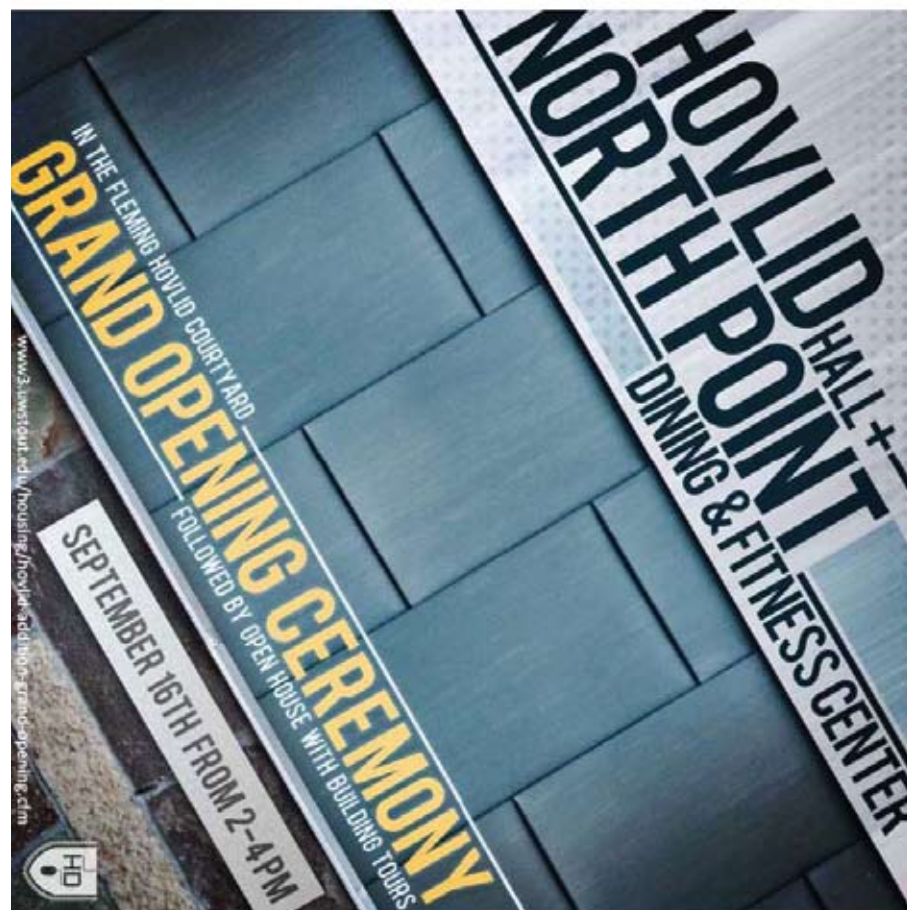
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UW-Stout enrollment increases 3.3 percent

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Sets record at 9,312 students



The University of Wisconsin-Stout announced today that its fall 2010 enrollment of 9,312 students set a record for the 119-year-old institution.

"This is a testament to the quality faculty and staff we have on this campus," said Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen. "Together we have built a distinguished university that obviously is appealing to students."

Enrollment, which includes undergraduate and graduate students, is a 3.3 percent increase over fall 2009 enrollment of 9,016, the previous record. All UW System campuses are required to report their enrollment numbers after the 10th date of classes each fall.

Undergraduate enrollment was 8,284 and graduate enrollment 1,028. This is the third year in a row the Graduate School, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary, has exceeded 1,000 students.

Provost Julie Furst-Bowe said the record number of students is a product of hard work by faculty and staff to make UW-Stout a destination university in the Midwest.

"We have put a lot of effort into providing undergraduate and graduate programs that resonate with students and to make them attractive to employers," Furst-Bowe said.

University officials said the rise in enrollment can be

attributed to:

- The number of undergraduate majors nearly doubling under Sorensen to the current level of 40. Many of these relatively new majors showed significant increases in students this year.

- UW-Stout's consistently high job placement rate for its students. The rate for recent graduates was 97 percent, in the face of the worst recession since the Great Depression.

- Significant increases in the number of transfer students and students who are taking online classes at UW-Stout.

- New facilities on campus. There has been some \$70 million worth of recent building projects, including the \$43 million Jarvis Hall science building; remodeled Price Commons cafeteria; a new dining hall, fitness facility and remodeled residence hall on north campus; and a remodeled Harvey Hall Theatre.

- The maturity of the e-Scholar program, which provides a complete digital environment on campus. The program provides each undergraduate with a top-line laptop computer, as well as wireless access across campus; mediated classrooms and laboratories; and other provisions.

Furst-Bowe said it's clear that a number of relatively new majors at UW-Stout have become major draws for students. These include applied science, which prepares students to enter professional programs like medicine, dentistry and pharmacy; computer game design and development; and computer engineering.

"We obviously are offering cutting-edge majors that offer great job prospects," Furst-Bowe said. "This is important to both prospective students and their parents."

Admissions Director Pamela Holsinger-Fuchs said that, in light of this year's enrollment, she has some words of wisdom for students who may enroll at UW-Stout next year:

"We closed down our admission for both freshmen and transfer students early this year and still exceeded our enrollment targets," Holsinger-Fuchs said. "My advice for students considering UW-Stout for next year is to apply early to be part of our 2011-12 class."



UW-Stout's current webpage will soon be a memory.



Accident Scene

Michael Grevas/Stoutonia

Eric Thorson
Editor-in-chief

The incident involving Bradley Simon, a University of Wisconsin-Stout senior and construction major from Waunakee Wis., is now being investigated as an assault/battery charge by the Menomonie Police Department.

The incident began inside the Log Jam near the bar where an eyewitness who asked not to be named, reports that those who were involved in one side of the altercation had purchased “literally hundreds of dollars worth of shots.” According to the witness, the two parties were not kicked out after the conflict arose. At one point, glass was broken near Simon’s feet and the group had him surrounded. The arguing continued until eventually some members of the group of around 12 people were either asked to leave or departed voluntarily.

The standard rule for bouncers is to ask one side of the fighting parties to leave before the other so that the situation does not escalate once both parties are outside, according to an experienced local bouncer. In this case, however, things did get more heated once everyone was outside the bar.

According to a Log Jam employee who was working at the time of the incident, once all participants of the conflict were outside the building, they remained there for a few minutes. The employee then followed one of the members of the group around the corner to the 100 block of W. Main Street.

“I followed a member of the group—that’s when I saw Brad on a bike riding towards me,” said the employee. “As the guy I followed ran towards Brad, another member of the large group ran out from the alley towards him. As the two group members caught up to Brad on the bike, a scuffle ensued that caused Brad to

veer into a retaining wall where he hit his head.”

According to the employee, the two assailants ran off and the employee checked Simon’s pulse and breathing. Although he still had a pulse and was breathing, the employee immediately called an ambulance, which arrived within five minutes. Simon was flown to Luther Hospital in Eau Claire Wis.

Chancellor Charles Sorensen responded to this incident swiftly with a memo released on Monday, reiterating the stance that the university has taken on the issue of alcohol abuse. He closed by saying that UW-Stout has lost too many students recently. With regard to curbing alcohol abuse among stu-

dents, he had this to say: “We obviously need to do more... We will tackle this problem head on. We have to.”

The latest update on Simon’s CaringBridge Web page early Wednesday morning reported negative news; he showed no signs of improvement. Luther Hospital would not reveal his status late Wednesday night. The UW-Stout community has been devastated by this tragedy, and the Stoutonia sends its thoughts and prayers to the Simon family in these most difficult times.



Above: Location of the incident on the north side of the 100 block of W. Main Street in Menomonie.
Top Right: Brad Simon, age 22, from Waunakee, Wis.

Michael Grevas/Stoutonia



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Rachael Lundeen

Staff writer

The highly anticipated Hovlid and North Point Grand Opening Ceremony kicked off at 2 p.m. on Sept. 16, 2010. The University of Wisconsin-Stout's newest addition cost \$13.6 million funded by student fees. The project will enhance campus life for approximately 900 residents living on North Campus.

Chancellor Sorensen opened the ceremony with a speech. "This facility is absolutely spectacular. This makes life for students much more comfortable," he said. "I'm proud of what we've done here." The event ended with the ceremonial ribbon cutting.

Many benefits will come from this project

for the students living on North Campus. Some of those include the connection of Hovlid and Fleming living spaces to the Dining and Fitness Centers, all new finishes and furniture, fireplace lounges and private bath amenities.

The new North Point Dining added longer hours to the cafeteria and grab-and-go services, a new stand-alone convenience store and a new central location to North Campus. And, lastly, the North Point Fitness center was added, which includes 24/7 access to new and enhanced equipment.

Other improvements to the area include more energy

efficient systems and windows, a large outdoor mall area, improved walkway access to parking and improved access to the cafeteria and the Broadway overpass for Red Cedar, Wigen, Hovlid, and Fleming residence halls.

"There are many benefits that come with the new redesign, such as accessibility and convenience with the new central location to north campus," Senior Stout Student Association President Sawyer Lubke said. "I was personally involved with the renovation by being on the dining service committee last year. I reviewed some of the designs for seating, colors and even had the opportunity to taste test the new food."

"This redesign is beautiful and it really complements Red Cedars' different look and helps to blend North Campus together," said the Dean of

the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Ray Hayes.

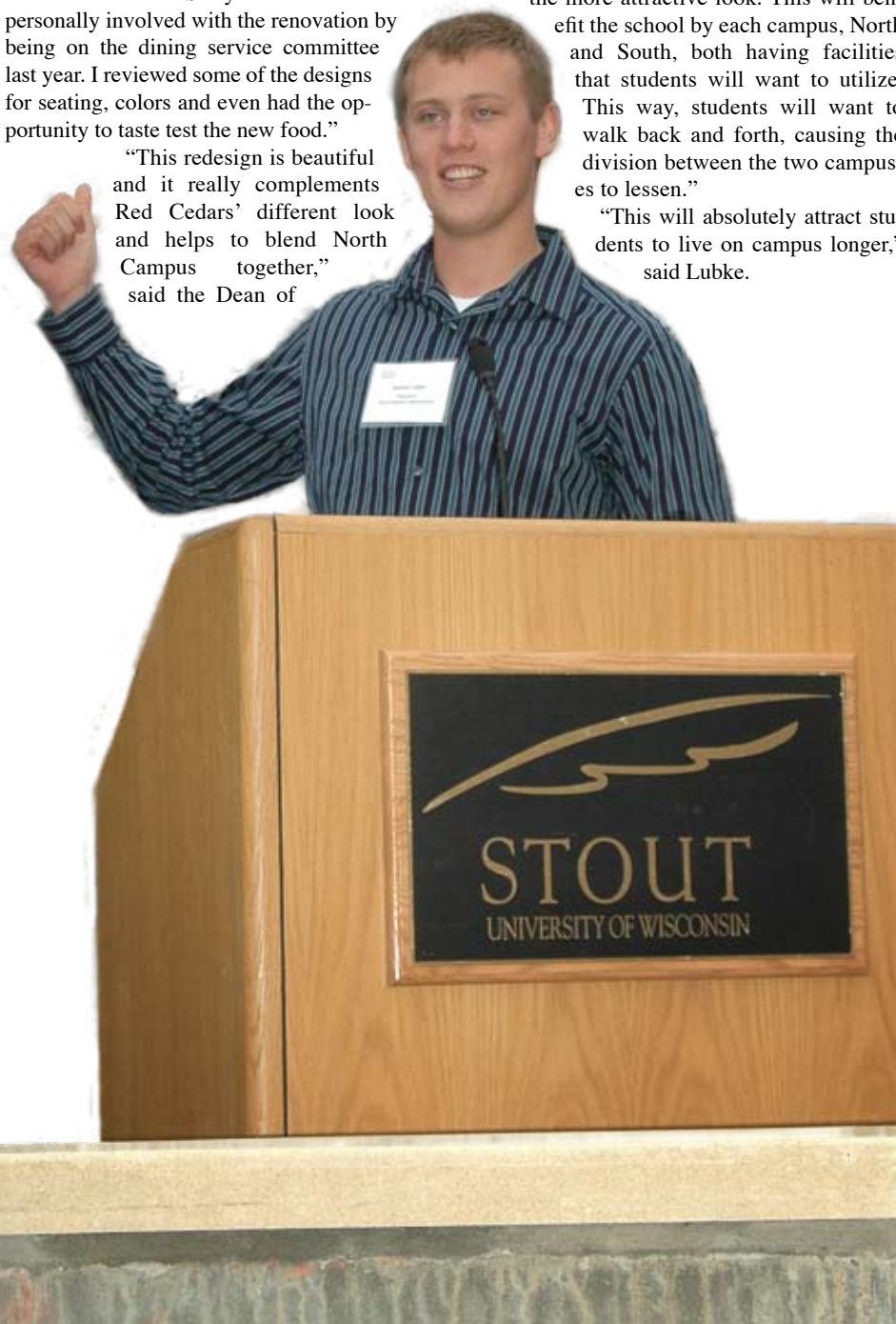
When asked what he thought about this renovation and how it pertains to students staying on campus longer, Hayes enthusiastically responded, "The dorms will be popular for years now with the new dining, no walking distance to workout and

"This facility is absolutely spectacular. This makes life for students much more comfortable..."

—Chancellor Sorensen

the more attractive look. This will benefit the school by each campus, North and South, both having facilities that students will want to utilize. This way, students will want to walk back and forth, causing the division between the two campuses to lessen."

"This will absolutely attract students to live on campus longer," said Lubke.



President Sawyer Lubke speaks at the opening ceremony.

Michael Grevas/Stoutonia

Understanding the Dunn County Alcohol Task Force

Jerad Maplethorpe
News editor

In 2008, the Wisconsin Population Health Institute Epidemiological Report on Alcohol and Other Drug Use reported that Dunn County ranked No. 1 in binge drinking for people aged 18-25. In response to this troubling statistic, the Dunn County Alcohol Task Force (DCATF) was created to promote safe and responsible alcohol consumption within Dunn County. It is important to note that the University of Wisconsin-Stout and the Chippewa Valley Technical College are the only two colleges in the county.

The DCATF is comprised of the Dunn County Sheriff's office, the City of Menomonie Police Department, the UW-Stout Police Department and the Dunn County Partnership for Youth. By combining efforts, the organization aims to "eliminate the negative consequences commonly associated with high-risk alcohol consumption through the education and enforcement coordination of alcohol laws," as denoted on the DCATF website.

Despite the DCATF's primary focus on responsible alcohol consumption, many students are concerned about the increase in law enforcement. In response, Chief

Lisa Walter of the UW-Stout police stated that, "Enforcement is a small part of the overall university and community planning and response efforts to accomplish this goal."

In addition, Walter said, "My police force has not grown in numbers. The DCATF has been created to allow for increased patrols in the community that go above the 'normal' patrol schedules. The officers staffed on the DCATF are in addition to those normally staffed on any specific evening."

When asked about why members of the DCATF occasionally walk through the bars, Walter said that the Tavern League asked them to do so on a regular basis. "They indicated that they try hard to identify illegal and/or fake IDs, but this is not just an underage alcohol problem. We have had tragic things happen to our students who have been of the legal age to drink but have consumed too much alcohol. We need to continue to have conversations with our local bar owners and city council about local ordinances that can be passed that will create a better environment within these alcohol settings."

Walter added, "We need to continue to have conversations with these businesses to discuss how and when to stop serving to a customer that has already had too much

to drink. Just because someone is of legal age to drink, it is part of our responsibility as a community to attempt to work together to keep everyone as safe as possible and at times take it into our own hands to tell someone, 'No, you've had enough'."

The DCATF also has volunteer community members who join the officers while they are on duty. Their primary roles are recordkeeping and distributing awareness

information, such as alcohol wheels, sexual assault prevention pamphlets and designated driver buttons.

To reiterate the overall objective of the DCATF, Walter concluded by saying, "We are not asking people to stop drinking; we are asking them to become good members of our community by making good choices."

Regional Open Microphone

On Saturday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m., the Golden Leaf Café will be hosting White Pine, an event for writers and musicians alike to share their talent with an enthusiastic audience. The event occurs four times a year, has been an essential part of the arts community for over 20 years and is bound to entertain. Past events have featured a variety of amateurs and professionals, poets, pianists, comics, storytellers and much more.

The White Pine forums welcome artists of all levels of ability. Participants sign up for 10 minutes at the microphone. If you do not wish to participate, that is perfectly fine too; just show up and enjoy the show. There will be coffee and refreshments for sale. Participants are welcome to make a \$2 donation. For more information, email Heather Jerrie at heather_jerrie@msd.k12.wi.us or call her at 715-308-7633.

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A Letter from Ireland

Kerstin Johnson
Contributing Writer

I am already three weeks into my semester-long adventure at the University of Limerick, and the excitement continues. Thus far, integrating into Irish society has been a rewarding experience in itself. International travel arrangements, grocery shopping, registering for classes and learning to live with seven strangers has certainly attributed to a far from normal start to the school year.

My course line-up at UL includes Irish language, Irish folklore and several media-studies modules (classes). In addition to academics, joining the kayaking club, windsurfing club and softball club has proven to keep my schedule busy.

Amidst the chaos, several incredible opportunities have surfaced. Just last weekend, Paul Klotz, a fellow Stout student, and I trav-

eled to the western coast of Ireland to lay eyes on the Cliffs of Moher. Standing at the edge of a 700-foot cliff, gazing over the deep blue waters of the Atlantic, we were speechless- a natural phenomenon whose vastness no photographer, writer, nor storyteller could fully depict. There was really no surprise when we found out that the Cliffs of Moher are finalists in the New7Wonders of Nature campaign.

In addition to roaming the countryside, international students have recently flooded the local pubs in search of traditional "trad" Irish music and pints of Guinness. Experience has proven the pub to be a great place to meet the local lads and a host of wonderful "craic" (conversation and entertainment), as the Irish would say.

I am anticipating a bold, exciting and life-changing semester in Ireland.

Until next time, UW-Stout--slán!

A trip through China

Eric Thorson
Editor-in-Chief

While most of us were packing our belongings and gearing up to return to our hometowns for the summer, a group of University of Wisconsin-Stout students was preparing for a 15-hour flight to the other side of the globe. Eleven students from an organizational leadership class left for China on May 20, 2010, took a brief stop in Chicago and then flew directly to Hong Kong. They returned eleven days later on May 31, while China was already crossing over into the month of June.

The group traveled with Associate Dean of the College of Management Donna Stewart, along with Xuedong (David) Ding, an assistant professor in the Department of Operations and Management. In a land where the language barrier is nearly impossible to overcome, Ding was able to translate for the group throughout the trip due to his former residency in China. He was even present for the notorious 1989 Tiananmen Square protests.

The purpose of the trip was to examine organization and leadership on the international stage.

"Our cultures are so different; the trip to China lent itself to examining varying leader-

ships," said Stewart. "It was a perfect backdrop to discuss the issues."

The class made a few stops on its journey to the Far East: Hong Kong, Guangzhou, Shanghai and Beijing. The group was also able to pay a visit to one of the Seven Wonders of the World, the Great Wall of China. The treacherous hike over the uneven stairs was a tough jaunt for the group, but a memorable one nonetheless.

The class dove head first into the Chinese culture, which changed some of the students' preconceived notions about the most heavily populated country in the world. Entering China is not as difficult as some would think, given that it is still considered a communist country. There are laws in place that require citizens to be environmentally conscious, like not allowing the use of plastic bags and limiting families to one child. A second child is generally not recognized as a citizen of the country and the cost of his or her upbringing would be much higher.

Aside from gaining a broader knowledge of organizational leadership, one of the more exciting parts about the trip was the food. Some students ventured out and looked for the most obscure, and what some would consider disgusting, menu items possible. One night, the

group even decided to sit down and partake in a meal of eel. The muscular fish was served in sweet sauce that was very accommodating to the students' western taste buds.

"The whole trip was a highlight," said Chao Moua, a senior in business administration. "One of the more memorable moments was being checked to see if I was an illegal Chinese immigrant." Moua was taken away from the group and had her information checked. Thankfully, everything ended up fine and the group was able to get on its way after the scare.

The group of UW-Stout students represented the university with the utmost class without offending its host, according to Stewart. One cultural faux pas came from the other end of the spectrum when the group from UW-Stout experienced near celebrity status.

"We were so different and unusual looking that

people would want to take our picture," said Stewart. Needless to say, nothing was done that would cause an international incident.

The trip was a resounding success and the class plans on taking another trip there again at the end of this scholastic year. An information session has already been held, but it is not too late to get in on the once-in-a-lifetime experience. Stewart and Ding are available to provide more information.



Dr. Xuedong Ding/UW-Stout Assistant Professor



Calendar of Events

STOUT ADVENTURES - 56 Sports & Fitness Center (232-5625)

9/29	Bat Cat Bicycles Bike Maintenance & Repair Clinic
10/1-3	Rock Climbing Lake Superior's North Shore
10/2	Introduction to Canoeing Clinic
10/4	Lead Climbing Clinic
10/8-10	Backpacking the Superior Hiking Trail

HEALTH & FITNESS CENTER - 53 Sports & Fitness Center (232-1378)

Now	Registration is now open for the Blue Devil Run/Walk (5K & 10K race).
10/5-7	Tone With Weights Class – free for all Fitness Center members

INTRAMURAL SPORTS - 41 Sports & Fitness Center (232-1392)

9/25	Softball Tournament – \$15/team
9/26	IM Block 1 Leagues begin play
10/1	Badminton Tournament – Free
10/8	Sand Volleyball Tournament - \$15/Team

Sport Clubs – 41 Sports & Fitness Center – 232-5356

10/2	Women's Rugby home match at 9 a.m. – MP Field
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For full event details, registration forms or to receive email updates visit the University Recreation website - <http://urec.uwstout.edu>.

The problem that just won't go away

Robert Kempainen
Opinions Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout dealt with many tragedies over the last couple of years. The most recent event occurred early Saturday morning in which a UW-Stout student was assaulted while leaving a bar. Everyone who was involved in this incident deserves to be punished, but so do those who failed to step in to stop this from happening.

As students of this university, we need to understand that we are all in this together. Part of the collegiate experience is learning how and when to help a friend or even a stranger in need. We have all been in a situation where you feel uncomfortable or even afraid for someone. Instead of making the right decision, you ignore your conscious, fearing the negative judgment

of your peers. This truly gets at the heart of the problem our generation is facing more and more by the day. That problem is apathy.

Apathy literally means the absence or suppression of passion. These are the type of people who talk a big game, but when the moment arises to take any sort of action, they cower and retreat like a turtle into its shell. As Woody Harrelson so eloquently put it in the movie "Zombieland," you either have to nut up, or shut up. It is a problem that too often goes unnoticed.

People often pretend to care but in reality, they'd prefer to stay silent. They listen to their fear rather than their heart.

However, if I

were to attribute this incident on the apathetic failures of some persons to act responsibly, then I would be letting the real culprits off. This lapse of making the right decision, more than likely, can be attributed to the consumption of alcohol. What happened is tragic. But let's think about the other end of the spectrum. One night out, one bad decision may very well lead to jail time for whoever committed this heinous act. Even worse, the toll that will weigh on the mind of this individual for the rest of their life is too

immense for most of us to even begin to fathom. I guess that's just life.

The administration is not immune to the toll that these tragedies have taken

on all of us. They are the ones responsible for contacting parents and relaying the heartbreaking news that a son or daughter has been involved in a terrible incident. I'm sure making that phone call never gets any easier. They are doing what they think is necessary to prevent another incident. But has it worked?

In the end, it's all about accountability. We must be held accountable for our actions no matter how big or small. As you all are well aware, we at UW-Stout have to pay consequences for the actions of a few. Some students don't feel that their actions matter to the rest of the group. This is one of the main reasons why the administration is coming down so hard on the student body. It is in their view that if we all are responsible for each other's actions, then we may be more inclined to think twice, or make certain that our decisions are conscious ones.

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Get out and vote!

Hello, Stout Students! I am writing to encourage you to vote in the upcoming general elections on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010. By casting your vote, you are exercising one of the most valued freedoms the United States has to offer. You are also being actively involved in your future. You will be voting for the next possible governor of Wisconsin or the next possible U.S. senator, among others. These politicians will vote for laws and pass legislation that affect each and every one of us, and by voting for your candidate of choice you are giving yourself a potential say in how the state is run. Starting Thursday, Sept. 30 and going until Tuesday, Oct. 12, there will be booths set up in the MSC where you can register to vote.

An accurate and complete list of candidates running in the 2010 Wisconsin general election can be found at <http://gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/results/candidates-on-ballet> after Monday, Sept. 27, 2010.

Sincerely,
Vanessa Kuettel
Stout Student Association
Director of Legislative Affairs



Lenn Soderlund/Stoutonia

Big banks lose; students win

Brittany Rinker
Contributing Writer

If you're like me, you're worried about paying back your student loans and getting a job. That's why it's so important that you vote this November. Since President Obama won with our help in 2008, Congressman Ron Kind has fought on our behalf every day. He actually helped pass something called the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act. It's a piece of legislation that made the single largest investment in making college more affordable for us.

The act increases Pell Grants, which means less debt, and it did so while cutting the deficit. Big banks were getting paid extra to administer loans that are backed by the government. Congressman Kind took that giveaway to industry and helped put it back in the pockets of students like us. I know he is fighting every day to make sure that you and I have a job after we graduate. We need to have someone who is looking out for us, not for Wall Street. That candidate is Ron Kind. So please, get out and vote in November. Our future and wallets depends on it.

How far is too far?

Scott Perlicks
Contributing Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout is a career-focused, comprehensive polytechnic university where diverse students, faculty and staff integrate applied learning, scientific theory, humanistic understanding, creativity and research to solve real-world problems, grow the economy and serve a global society.

-Mission Statement, UW-Stout

As we all know, and some of us have experienced, UW-Stout's administration has been trying to crack down on student drinking. The administration and Chancellor Sorensen have sent out e-mails almost weekly addressing this issue. We have heard threats of being banned from school for attending a busted house party, alcohol task forces encouraged by the university, sanctions being placed on students for underage drinking, monitoring social networking sites and encouragement from the administration to the staff and organizations to promote anti-drinking agendas.

After interviewing several UW-Stout students, Gunnar Vein states what a ma-

jority of the students are thinking. "The administration is not getting paid to guide students away from drinking- they are here to educate. The police can enforce the drinking laws and it's the student's risk if they get caught."

The administration has no right or authority to intrude on students' personal lives. They are here to educate and provide a quality education regardless of the individual decisions the students make.

The administration has the best intentions behind the actions it has taken. As we all know, in the past two years, UW-Stout and the community has been plagued with alcohol-related accidents, and the school is known for its alcohol consumption, but this is not the point we are arguing. What we are focusing on is the administration overstepping its boundaries into the personal lives of the students who pay money to attend this institution. After interviewing and talking to countless students, I found that a majority of them feel it is the school's job to educate in the classroom and in campus facilities. However, outside of campus, the student's personal life and decisions should be respected.

Any drinking problems should be handled by the existing institutions and judicial systems the state, county and city have

in place. The school has no right to place its own set of rules on the adults that already will be punished by existing laws.

The university needs to focus on its students' education. We realize that alcohol consumption can be detrimental to grades and to the college experience, but this is our choice, as students, to make. We understand if we do not earn certain grades, we will get kicked out of school; this is part of the requirements for attending. The fact is some people will fail out - if not for drinking, it will be for some other reason. The people who fail out have two options: they do not return to school or they do return and, realizing their mistakes, come out with better grades than they would have in the first place. This is our choice and our choice alone whether we will take this route or not.

The administration is also justifying what it does on the basis of safety. In the past, almost all alcohol-related accidents have occurred off campus. Again, this is a situation for the local police department to handle. The university needs to be concerned with the safety of the students while they are on campus and this is where the line needs to be drawn.

Most students realize college is a time to experiment and a transition period between leav-

ing home and obtaining a career. Drinking is part of the social norm of college and needs to be recognized as such.

"The administration believing they can curb or stop drinking is arrogant," says Todd Kurtz, a senior. "Drinking has been part of the college experience for years. It enables students to interact, socialize, test their limits and grow up." The administration needs to realize that a top-down, knee jerk reaction to drinking will not be effective when attempting to change the social norms and culture of Menomonie and students of UW-Stout.

We must demand our administration to give us the best education possible and leave us the liberty to make our own decisions outside of university functions, regardless of the consequences they may have on our personal lives. We have a set of laws that are already enforced and will face the consequences if they are broken. Re-read UW-Stout's mission statement at the beginning of this article - the students should be urging the administration to focus on this mission and not on the personal lives and decisions of its students.

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Is it all in vain?

Alex Zaiss
Contributing Writer

Recently there has been a lot of attention paid to the topic of alcohol consumption. This attention stems from tragic and circumstantial incidents involving University of Wisconsin-Stout students. In turn some steps were taken to attempt to address the issue, such as more Friday classes and repercussions paid to students for their behavior while intoxicated. There is movement to even increase police presence on campus. But here is the question: Is all of it in vain?

There is something fundamental that has to be paid close attention to, not simply "considered." We are students at a university; students will party and they will drink alcohol. This is not some sort of strange singularity only found at UW-Stout. The fact of the matter is that every single campus has students who will consume alcohol. It's a fact of life; and when the members of the faculty here at UW-Stout were students, I'm willing to bet they also consumed alcohol – the chancellor

included. How quickly we forget what it was like when we were kids. This is a stage of life.

So, why are we fighting nature with our precious resources? Why are we punishing students and faculty alike with more Friday classes as if it will actually result in something positive? Now, instead of being drunk three nights a week, some students will be wasted two nights a week. UW-Stout is already over-policed; we have too many officers and sheriffs who have too much time on their hands and are only harassing students rather than working toward a better environment for them. Appropriating even more resources toward the police force is not only counter-productive, but it will significantly decrease the experience that students have throughout their tour here at UW-Stout.

What I'm saying is that we should encourage responsible drinking behaviors as well as respectful and sound social behaviors. However, I'm also saying what Ben Franklin once said: "Those who give up their liberty in return for safety deserve neither." The administration's policy is inherently flawed.

Poetry Corner: "On Leaving..."

Karisa Schroeder
Contributing Poet

When do you give up?

When do you find yourself believing in your thoughts of "enough is enough?"

How do you compare being alone verses having someone to hold when you know the path your on is a long, destructive road?

How do you justify the pain?

Is it worth the cost of gaining the loss if you know in your heart you might come back again? Where do you gain strength? When your tiptoeing on eggshells and carrying a burden load, how do you stand up for yourself when he says, "Do as you're told." Is it easy to walk away?

Will your heart still find its way? Through closing doors and broken glass, can you take on your future, while forgetting the past? Can you handle the fall? Can you brace yourself for the failure you'll feel when you've got nothing left at all? How will you sleep? When all that you ever once believed in has gone away, crushing your dreams.

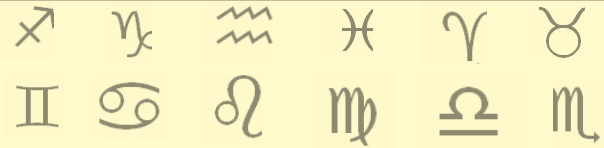
Where will you go when your home is no longer home? How long will you stay there before your wild eyes decide to roam?

What is fate?

Where will you let it lead?

When all feels wrong and nothing right, is faith in fate what you need? I'd do anything in my soul just to make you believe that your bridge to love is your strength to leave.

Horoscopes



Scorpio:
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Someone forgets to sprinkle your Cherrios with rainbows and pixie dust. That same someone also steps on your rose colored glasses.
Life is full of hard knocks.

Virgo:
Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

Flashing lights are a good sign through this stretch. Please sign this waiver stating that all seizures are solely your responsibility and in no way is our fault.

Capricorn:
Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Get out from under that heavy influence of caffeine. That "2:30 feeling" might be useful since a nap is in your future.

Leo:
July 23 - Aug. 22

Hamburger earmuffs may be an important object during this time, as well as a rubber chicken. It doesn't hurt to be prepared for all kinds of crazy.

Taurus:
April 20 - May 20

Your assets are in danger. There is a credit card company just waiting to pounce on your lack of self-control.

Aquarius:
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Ideas are abundant, however, stalking your crush's ex around the streets after sundown is not the best way to endear yourself.

Libra:
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

There's maple syrup or peanut butter in your future. We're still not entirely positive what it has to do with you, but it's definitely there.

Gemini:
May 21 - June 20

Gullibility will cause you problems later this week, so believe everything you hear and read, just to be safe. Also, your fly is open.

Aries:
March 21 - April 19

You might be awkwardly caught staring at someone who was awkwardly caught picking his nose. It's okay; you can give a little shudder.

Pisces:
Feb. 19 - March 20

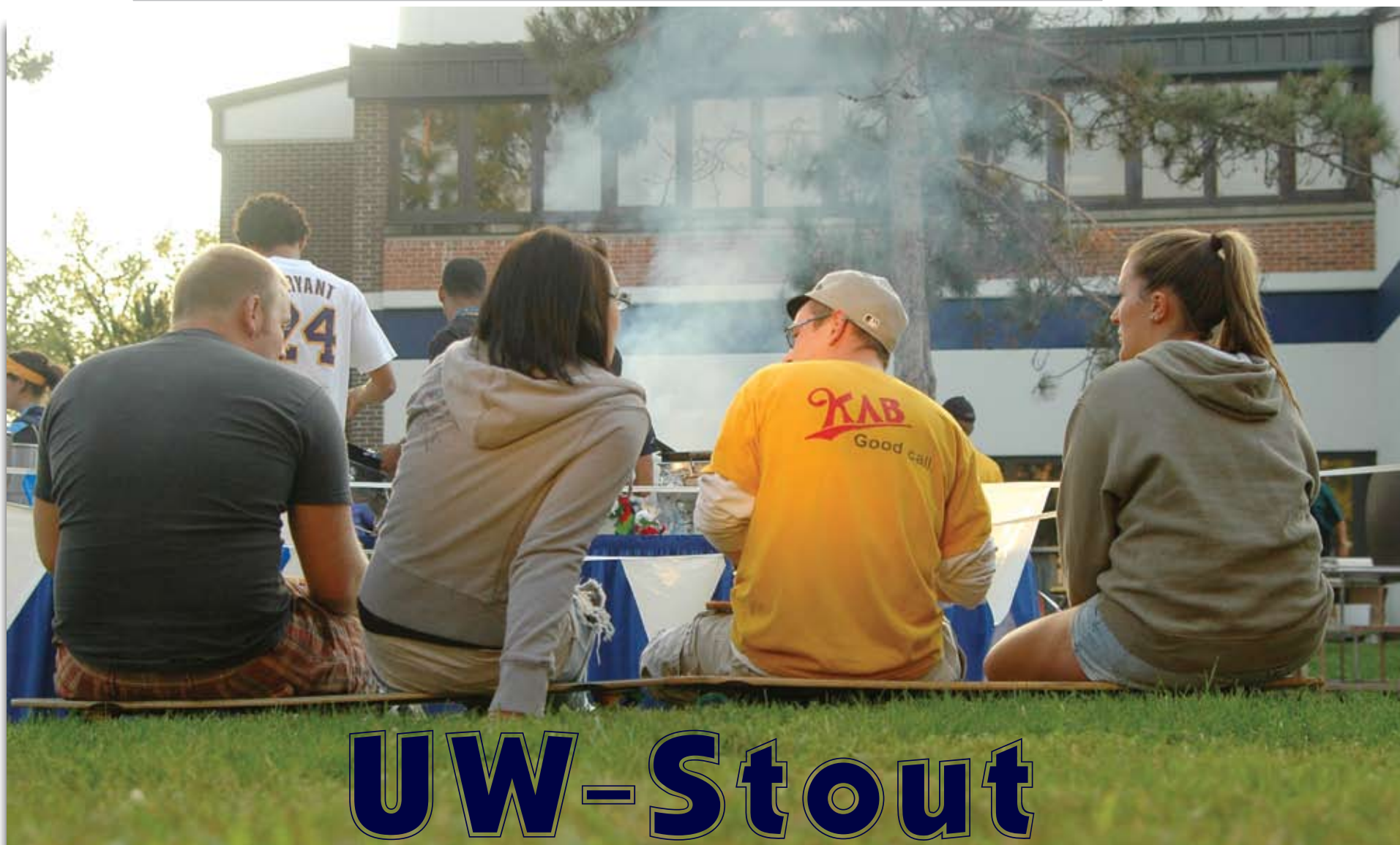
An upcoming argument could change your life. Ketchup and catsup are essentially the same thing, but brown sauce is not always a brown sauce.

Cancer:
June 21 - July 22

We've determined your talents will take you far. You are not a second-level wizard anymore.

Sagittarius:
Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Don't trust anyone. Don't trust this horoscope either. Use your animal instincts. You're a tiger and you're GRRRREEEEAAAAT!!!



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20th Annual Great American Cookout



Little Mexico Restaurant Review

Eric Thorson

Editor-in-Chief

A new Mexican restaurant, Little Mexico, recently took over the building that formerly housed Doña Rita. Little Mexico is attempting to succeed in the same location where its predecessor failed to do so.

The menu is pretty standard for a Mexican restaurant: tacos, burritos, enchiladas, chile relleno, etc. It does offer one unique meat option for your tacos if you are a more adventurous eater. La lengua de la vaca, or cow tongue for those of us who do not speak Spanish, can be substituted for the standard beef or chicken that most of us are accustomed to. I know you “Bizarre Food” with Andrew Zimmern fans out there are intrigued, I cannot say I tried it while I was there, but it is on my list of things to do.

We started off with chips and salsa of course, which did not thrill me. The chips were a little stale and the salsa was either Pace or Tostitos. We decided we would go ahead and spice things up a little bit with that ever so ubiquitous Mexican restaurant favorite: queso dip. The queso was runny and did not have the spice factor to please my pallet. It was a resounding failure in the eyes of everyone at the table. Now, I know this is probably a deal breaker for all you Wisconsin natives that go crazy for queso, but bear with me.

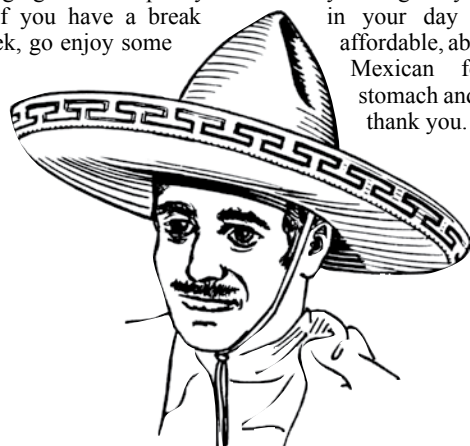
I happened to arrive at around 1 p.m. on a Thursday, which turned out to be just perfect. Little Mexico offers a variety of lunch specials Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., most of which hover around \$5.

Now, I know what you are thinking: you get a couple tacos with minimal fixings for that price, right? I was under that same impression until I looked over to the right at my chicken burrito, which the waitress mistakenly gave to my friend and not me. It was a pretty good size, surprisingly. It was no Chipotle-sized behemoth, but that would be asking a little much for that price. It was accompanied by refried beans and rice, and after a little bit of intra-table plate passing, it was time to dig in. The burrito itself was jam-packed with chicken and covered in a tasty molé type sauce. The refried beans and rice were pretty standard and nothing special in their own right, but mix them both together and you will be feeling alright. Something about the firm texture of the rice covered in the mocha-colored paste that is refried beans is worth savoring.

That stacked plate of food ran me about \$5.50 after tax and zero desire to consume anything more for hours. Remember to be kind and round that credit card receipt up generously when you sign it to thank your server for the service.

The ambience is strikingly similar to what it was when it was Doña Rita: some tunes playing over the speakers and a wonderful view of either Taco Bell or the traffic on Broadway. The color scheme of the booths in the restaurant is a little different but palatable. They offer a free Wi-Fi connection, so you can send your emails or finish your homework before that hot plate of Mexican fare reaches your table.

The restaurant was denied its liquor license back in August, so do not expect a margarita, but who needs that during lunch anyway? The food is good, but after the lunch special ends, things get a little pricey for my liking. My suggestion is if you have a break in your day during the week, go enjoy some affordable, above average Mexican food. Your stomach and wallet will thank you.



Rachel Stocker/Stoutonia



Andrew Vogl/Stoutonia

APPLES & PUMPKINS & HAYRIDES, OH MY!

Fall is here, and what better way to spend some time outdoors than to visit a local apple orchard? Wisconsin is full of them, and the Maple Leaf Orchard in Spring Valley is one of the finest.

Maple Leaf Orchard: located at W 3901 750th Ave., Spring Valley, Wis. 54767 (about 15-20 minutes west of Menomonie).

Maple Leaf Orchard is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Nov. 1 and is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from Nov. 1 to Christmas. Hayrides and pick-your-own apples, grapes, raspberries and pumpkins are available on weekends. They also make their own maple syrup, jellies, apple butter and honey. They also have fresh apple pie and apple crisp available on the weekends. Pears, squash, gourds and Indian corn are available late September through mid-October.

Website: www.mapleleaforchard.com
Phone: 715-778-5881

CD Review | **The Gentle Guest**

Andrew Vogl
Entertainment Editor

Although their name may seem to imply a placid, soft and subdued sound, Eau Claire folk rockers The Gentle Guest are much more in-your-face than their name suggests. "They set fire to the town, to burn it all down," lead singer Eric Rykal chants on one of the standout tracks, "Scatter the Ashes," off their latest record, "Cast Off Your Human Form."

"Cast Off Your Human Form" is the band's second full-length release under the Amble Down Records label. Its sinister undertones and often downright depressing lyrics, made even creepier by the blaring horns throughout the album, are paired with consistent, driving rhythms and Delta blues-heavy guitar riffs to create one of the biggest, most innovative sounds to hit the scene recently.

The record opens with the track "Rumor Mill," an upbeat, trombone laden, boot-stompin' blues ballad that draws the listener in as it builds up to a cacophonous climax of horns and hollers about "Mr. Walker" and the "secret he kept." It creates the perfect base for the rest of the album.



"To Pay the Piper" swiftly begins afterward and takes the dark, gypsy swing sound established in the first track to the next level. A low, rumbling bass line saunters behind Rykal's crooning before exploding into a roaring refrain that will knock your socks off. After slumping back into the verse, the song abruptly ends and there is a momentary lapse of silence before bursting into the album's highlight track, "Judgment."

"We're gunna turn this fucking world on its end tonight," Rykal wails to begin the song after the caterwaul of drums and horns fleetingly resolves. Then the slide guitar picks up and slowly leads you into the melody of the chorus, where

vocal harmonies swirl between the shrill slide guitar, roaring horns, a driving snare drum and the faint sounds of a mandolin being plucked in the background.

These three tracks create a set of beautifully crafted songs strung together to begin the album and set the standard for the rest of the record, which does not disappoint.

The Gentle Guest could – and has been – called the twisted, American evil twin of Mumford & Sons. They could

technically be clumped together in the same folk/blues genres, but instead of merely singing songs of love, loss and heartbreak, The Gentle Guest tell tales of death, thievery and deception, and boy do they tell those tales well.

The ninth track on the record, "When I'm Dead and Gone," deviates from any sort of norm and offers a stripped down, gospel choir inspired hymn that consists of only a steady hand clap and hauntingly soaring vocal harmonies. It left



Drew Kaiser/Contributed Photo

me with shivers.

"Cast Off Your Human Form" is definitely an album worth taking a listen to, and although I have yet to see The Gentle Guest perform live, I can bet that seeing them would be worth it too. Check out their MySpace page for updates and streaming tracks:

www.myspace.com/thegentleguest.

Patchouli | Live at the Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts

Andrew Vogl
Entertainment Editor

I know what you are thinking, and no, a bottle of scented oil will not be performing live on Oct. 7 at the Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts. However, Wisconsin native and singer/songwriter Julie Patchouli and master guitarist Bruce Hecksel, who make up the acoustic guitar duo Patchouli will be.

Patchouli has been working hard this past summer, performing over 60 shows throughout the country and gaining new fans and popularity everywhere they go. They were honored with the Songwriter of the Year Award at the Unvarnished Music Festival in Worthington, Minn. in June and were recently voted "favorite folk act of all time" at Chicago's oldest running folk concert series, Two Way Street.

And that is just the tip of the iceberg for the acoustic guitar-wielding virtuosos. They have recorded 13 studio albums over the course of their 11 years together and played somewhere around 1,700 shows since their inception. The two are obviously both well-versed in many musical styles and create beautifully catchy melodies with which they incorporate intricate, flatpicked guitar solos that will gently melt your face.

The stirring, inspirational, often environmentally-conscious lyrics and positive attitude of Patchouli will have you feeling like you have traveled back in time to the 70s folk era that included the likes of Cat Stevens, Leo Kottke and Paul Simon; artists the pair lists as some of their major influences.

The duo released their tenth studio album, "The Woodlands," under their name Patchouli in May 2009. They also added the third installment to their instrumental, Spanish-influenced endeavor, "Terra Guitarra," this past April. With so many live shows and fresh recordings, it is easy to see why they have been dubbed "the hardest working folk duo in America" by International Folk Alliance president, Dave Humphries.

So, get your tickets now at the Mabel Tainter box office and do not miss your chance to see two of the Midwest's premier folk performers, Patchouli.



Contributed Photo

Thursday, Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

**Tickets: \$10 students/
 seniors; \$12 adults**

www.patchouli.net

Rosie's redbox REVIEW

ONDINE

Rating: ★★☆☆☆

THE ROYAL BALLET

Roseanne Meier
Staff Writer

The more I reflected on "Ondine," the more frustrated I got with its conclusion. However, the conclusion is where I gained my respect for the film and why I believe it is worth the watch. "Ondine" is classified as a fantasy, drama and romance film, written and directed by Neil Jordan.

Taking place in Ireland, heaps of "huh's?" and "what's?" filled the room as my roommates and I struggled to decipher words from the characters' strong accents.

Jordan uses the mythological creature Ondine, a water spirit, to intrigue and capture the audience's attention. A gorgeous girl, who introduces herself as Ondine, played by Alicja Bachleda, is lifted from the ocean in a fishing net by the main character Syracuse, played by Colin Farrell.

Depression brought on by a divorce and a drinking problem has left its mark on Syracuse. His luck turns around in life and on his fishing boat when Ondine comes to live with him, inviting herself into his home. We all know people like this – they end up sleeping on our futons for weeks. Syracuse

believes Ondine to be a mermaid and the source of his good luck.

As the story progresses, a steamy romance between Syracuse and Ondine develops as he becomes more welcoming (yes, there is a scene you might want to rewind and watch over and over) and she creates a bond with his daughter, Anna, played Alison Barry.

The film gains momentum as it becomes darker and more intense, keeping the audience on edge as they try to keep up with the action.

"Ondine" is also full of breathtaking scenery from the hills of Ireland. The cinematography and lighting capture an intriguing and dramatic feel.

Feel like staying in tonight? Grab this flick at Redbox for a twist on a traditional fantasy film.

Runtime: 1 hour 51 minutes
Rating: PG-13
Box Office: \$500,000

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Ray LaMontagne and the Pariah Dogs – "God Willin' & the Creek Don't Rise"

Not only is this one of the longest band/album title combinations, but it is also one of this summer's hottest discs. This is the fourth full-length studio release from LaMontagne. This time around, he brings along his friends the Pariah Dogs, and it is a hootin' an' hollerin' good time. It also happens to be one of the coolest album designs I've seen recently.

Released: Aug. 17, 2010

Label: RCA

Sounds like: Gritty, soulful, country-tinged folk

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September 25th

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Fall Events Calendar

- 9/23** Shoeless Revolution \$3
9/25 Not Quite Dead \$3
9/30 Natural Babbit
10/2 A Night in a Box \$3
10/7 Katey Bellville and Friends
10/9 **Stachtoberfest** featuring
"The Evergreen Grass Band" \$3
10/12 Heatbox \$5

Daily Specials

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| Sunday- | 10am-4pm | \$3.50 Bloody Marys |
| Monday- | 5pm-close | \$2.00 Domestic Taps & Rails |
| Tuesday- | 5pm-close | \$2.00 Domestic Taps & Rails |
| Wednesday- | 4pm-close | \$4.50 Domestic Pitchers |
| Thursday- | 5pm-close | \$3.50 Craft & Import
Bottles and Taps |
| Friday- | 10pm-close | \$4.00 20oz Rails
\$2.00 Bomb Shots |
| Saturday- | 10am-4pm | \$3.50 Bloody Marys |

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~~Smooth~~ CRIMINALS

Tales of stupidity
from Menomonie

Citations Issued

Sept. 5 through Sept. 20

Underage alcohol – 1st Offense: 38

Underage alcohol – 2nd Offense: 4

Open container: 2

ID card violation: 1

Public urination: 1

Disorderly conduct: 6

Marijuana possession: 2

Drug paraphernalia: 5

Tampering with fire equipment: 1

Damaged property citations: 1

Burglary: 1

Possession of stimulant drug: 1

Resisting/obstructing an officer: 3

Theft: 1

Fail to evacuate fire alarm: 1

Reckless driving: 1

Sept. 5 - An officer was called to Hovlid Hall for a 911 hang-up in the elevator. When the officer checked the scene, everything appeared okay. It is unknown who pushed the 911 emergency button in the elevator. Inspired by M. Night Shyamalan's new movie, "Devil."

Sept. 5 - An officer observed several students picking up coins underneath a parking meter post. The parking meter head was apparently knocked loose while unloading a vehicle. The officer returned the coins, along with the meter-head to the Menomonie Police Department. The things that kids are doing for beer money nowadays....

Sept. 6 - A Playstation 3, five Playstation games and one controller were stolen from a resident in Kranzusch Hall. The residents were at freshman orientation during the time of the incident.

Sept. 8 - An officer arrived at parking lot 4 to open a student's vehicle of which the keys had been locked inside. The officer noticed two cases of beer in the vehicle, neither of which was open. It was discovered that the student was informed by his parents that he was able to transport the beer as long as it had not been opened. The student was not of legal drinking age and the beer was confiscated. How long do you think this kid tried to get in this car before he finally resorted to calling the police? An under-21 MacGyver would be in his dorm room enjoying a Natty Ice as we speak.

Sept. 10 - Officers were dispatched to North Point Dinning Building for a male subject that had fainted while touring the new kitchen. The sheer awesomeness of this building is enough to make a man faint.

Sept. 14 - Officers responded to a fire alarm in Red Cedar Hall. The fire alarm was set off by burnt popcorn, which was found in the garbage. The student did not know why she had thrown the bag into the garbage besides the fact that she was flustered.

Sept. 15 - An officer responded to criminal damage of a sprinkler box near the Physical Education building. Along with the damage, there was graffiti on the box that said "Raegal." Look at it backwards; clearly this person wears a lot of LA Gear.

Sept. 20 - An officer was dispatched to Price Commons, where several people complained of a substance in the air that was causing them to cough. The substance turned out to be pepper spray that had been accidentally sprayed from a key chain. The pepper spray was labeled "Spitfire." There was something else in the air on Wednesday, Sept. 22 all around campus, causing people to cough. It did not smell anything like pepper spray, though.

The SKINNY

Upcoming Events:

Joey Ryan & The Inks
Thursday, Sept 23 @ 8
p.m. in the Underground.
FREE

Toy Story 3
Friday, Sept. 24 @ 6 & 9 p.m.
in APPA 210. FREE

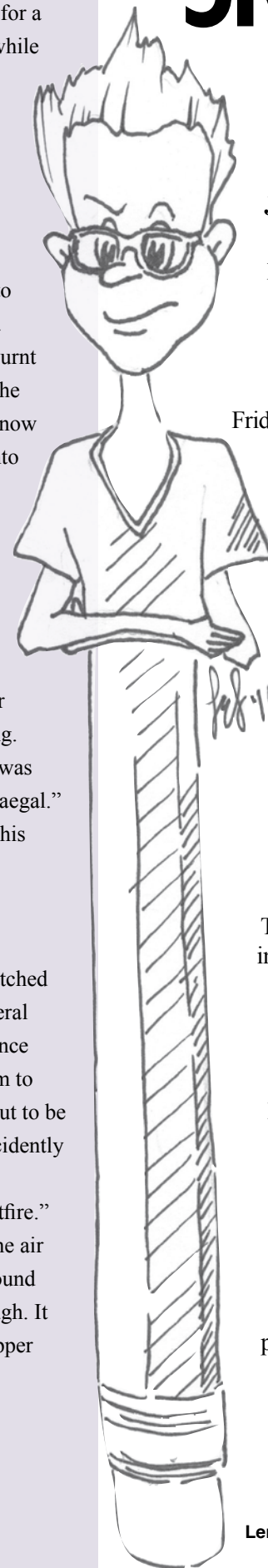
Not Quite Dead
Saturday, Sept. 25 @
10 p.m. at Waterfront
Bar & Grill. 21+

Open Mic Night
Thursday, Sept. 30 @
8 p.m. in the
Underground. FREE

Three Pill Morning
Thursday, Oct. 7 @ 8 p.m.
in the Underground. FREE

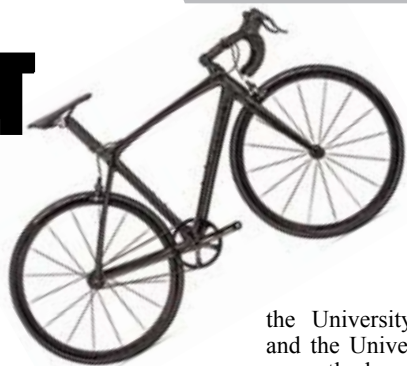
Patchouli
Thursday, Oct. 7 @ 7:30
p.m. at the Mabel Tainter
Center for the Arts
\$10 students/seniors
\$12 adults

Stoop Singers
Friday, Oct. 15 @ 7:30
p.m. at the Acoustic Cafe.
FREE



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S T U T B I K E S



New bike rental program at UW-Stout looks to reduce emissions and promote healthy living

Andrew Vogl
Entertainment Editor

Collaboration between the University of Wisconsin-Stout Parking Services, Stout Student Association, the UW-Stout Cycling Club, the UW-Stout Physical Plant, Bad Cat Bicycles and the Environmental Sustainability Office has created StoutBikes, a new bike rental program here at UW-Stout.

In an effort to reduce UW-Stout's carbon footprint, encourage healthy lifestyles and provide students with more transportation services, the option to rent



Andrew Vogl/Stoutonia
Sarah Rykal, UW-Stout environmental sustainability coordinator.

a bike for the entire academic school year will be available beginning later this month.

"I had students come to me last fall who said they wanted to implement a bike rental program," said Sarah Rykal, UW-Stout environmental sustainability coordinator. "A lot of UW schools and schools around the country are doing it and they wanted to do it here."

The University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee,

the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and the University of Wisconsin-Madison all currently have similar programs, as well as cities around the country and around the world.

"We are basically modeling the program after UW-La Crosse, where we aren't buying brand new bikes but using donated used bikes instead," Rykal said. "We will also be re-working them into single-speed bikes – that way they will be easier to maintain when they come back to us at the end of the year versus multiple speed bikes."

Students will be able to rent a bike for one full school year. The initial cost is \$40, but \$20 will be given back upon return of the bike in good condition. StoutBikes will be a non-profit program, with all the proceeds going to maintain the bikes and keep the program running.

For at least the first year, students will need to provide their own storage for the bikes during the winter season. Hopefully, winter storage will be made available in the future.

Around 30 to 40 of the bikes will be donated by Pete May, owner of Bad Cat Bicycles. He is also offering the program space in his shop to repair and maintain the bicycles.

"It's something that I firmly believe in," May said when I sat down with him at his shop on Main Street. "We're doing what we can to basically cut down on the amount of time we have to use vehicles. Obviously we still have to use them, but with the amount of errands and short trips people

"The more we can start getting away from having to rely on vehicles to do all of our things and instead get out there and use a bicycle more, it helps the community out a lot. I think it's a great project."

—Pete May

take, they could easily be done on a bike."

With so many perceived benefits of the program, it is easy to see how StoutBikes is receiving so much support and enthusiasm from the community.

"The more we can start getting away from having to rely on vehicles to do all of our things and instead get out there and use a bicycle more, it helps the community out a lot," May said. "I think it's a great project."

Additional bikes will come from abandoned bikes recovered by the UW-Stout police department and bikes donated from community members. The bikes will be registered with the city and each will carry its own serial number to help prevent theft.

For more information or to apply for a bike, visit the UW-Stout Parking Services web page: www3.uwstout.edu/parking/stoutbikesinfo.cfm.



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Rachel Stocker/Stoutonia



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Pete May at his shop on Main Street, Bad Cat Bicycles

Women's Soccer Team Loses to St. Benedict and Whitewater, Wins Against Ripon

By Morgan Pfaller
Staff Writer

Sept. 11 was Parent's Day for the University of Wisconsin-Stout's women's soccer team as they faced the Saint Benedict's Blazers at Nelson Field in a match that resulted in a loss for the Blue Devils. Both teams held strong defensively and prevented one another from scoring in the first 82 minutes of the game. This was an intense and exciting game for spectators as the Blue Devils put three shots on the frame that were unfortunately blocked by Blazers goalkeeper Maija Schmelzer.

Stout's goalkeeper, Whitney Feen, had 11 saves and was able to stop several dead-on shots. In the final eight minutes, the Blazers' offense was able to score on Feen. The only two final goals were put on the net by the Blazers' Heather Beshears.

The Blue Devils made Stout history the following day against Ripon College, as two players each scored a hat trick that led to an 8-1 victory. On Sunday's game this same feat was accomplished by Courtney Tideman and Jessica Price, and has not happened since Oct. 2, 1999 when



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Junior Katey McKay makes an attempt at the goal.

alumni Nellie Sivertsen and Jessica Unterweger pulled off the accomplishment.

Other highlights from the game included freshman Kayla Sievert scoring the first goal for the Blue Devils. Grace Salwasser continued this

four saves during her 60 minutes in goal, and McKenna Missfeldt also had one save.

Head coach Meagan Frank had high praise for her team's success. "I am pleased with the level of talent this group has," Frank said. "Our game

trend, adding another goal and leading the team to victory. Becky Glass had a great game with a career-high three assists; she was also able to provide an assist to each of Price's goals. Price also scored the final three goals of the game. Amanda Matti also contributed to the victory with

against Ripon was a clear indication that there are some talented players who are members of this team. We have some very tough opponents in our conference and several of the other non-conference games are against high-caliber opponents. We have our work cut out for us this year."

"Just about half of the team are incoming freshmen," Frank added. "That means we have some added challenges. I am confident this team will continue to get better and better as the season progresses, and I hope to surprise a few people along the way. The women on this team enjoy one another, and I look forward to some positive memories throughout the season."

On Saturday, Sept. 18 the Lady Blue Devils traveled to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in an intense match that resulted in a loss for the team. UW-Stout was able to score the first goal, but the Warhawks made a quick comeback with five goals. Within seven minutes, Emily Stanke diverted a kick by Grace Salwasser and scored the first goal. This was Stout's only lead in the game as the Warhawks quickly came back two minutes later with another goal.

By the first half, Stout was down by two and went on to lose when the Warhawks scored two more goals in the second half with a final score of 5-1.

Emily Stanke, a freshman, offered her opinion on Saturday's game, "Yesterday's game was a tough loss," Stanke said. "I know that we walked onto the pitch knowing it was our game, our night, and we needed to show them how we play as a team."

"Which honestly, we did a great job of," Stanke added. "We delivered crosses, looked for the open players and attacked the flanks, which was where their weakness was. As a team, we performed well, but in situations, we broke down causing their goals. It is a great starting point for the season, and I am really proud of the team so far. In my opinion, we have a great season ahead."

The Blue Devils will host Hamline University, Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m.



Photo by Phil Mach/ Stoutonia

Possible Blue Devil Mascot | Open for student suggestions

By Lauryn Seering
Staff Editor

During last summer on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus, the Stout Student Association and the athletic program formed a committee with one idea in mind: creating a mascot. Multiple students and staff living in Menomonie spent hours considering the problems that might be involved. What would it look like? Would it be a costume or an image? How much would this cost? Would there be social ramifications by having a devil for a mascot?

Josh Fritz, the director of organizational affairs for the SSA, shed some light on the issue. He was asked to help lead the project and gather student feedback.

"In my time attending Stout, I have done a lot around campus," Fritz said. "I have worked for many different departments, including the athletic department. I have worked at many athletic events and have concluded that having someone running around in the mascot suit would be a nice addition."

If purchased, the mascot would appear at all major campus events like the backyard bash and homecoming. The mascot would be a tool used to increase school spirit to not only the incoming freshmen but of current students as well. It would be an easily recognizable logo, such as the Stout feather or Bowman clock tower. It would be something to put on Stout sweatshirts.

However, there would be several constraints on the project. "I'm not sure how much the mascot will cost," Fritz said. "I know that the Athletic Department was

looking into using their budget for this. It would be under \$3000, but that's a really rough estimate."

office created the initial rough design. "It's supposed to be a costume, though," Fritz said, "not just a design on paper. That's

"Everyone seems to agree that they want a mascot."

-Josh Fritz

Besides the pricey outfit, why the shoes look so generic. We are there were additional problems looking to change the design on the shirt, maybe to a jersey. It's a long process." Another problem considered was the presence of various religious organizations around campus. It was feared that by having a mascot, it would seem as if



need it to be more cartoony, hence the rough design. We can't have it too mean and devilish; we have to keep it kid-friendly so everyone would like it."

A student working for the Student Life Services

a Native American for some time. (Our school) came under much more fire than our school probably would with a devil."

Stout is not the only school with the Blue Devils as a mascot either; at least three other campuses across the United States also have that name with no social ramifications to speak of. The athletic



Lenn Soderlund / Stoutonia
Too aggressive for children?

program is tentatively planning to purchase the mascot next semester, however, there is a lot of work yet to be done. The SSA is currently handing out hundreds of surveys to ensure as much student involvement in the project as possible.

"Everyone seems to agree that they want a mascot," Fritz said. "We are aware we will not please everyone with the design, but getting as much feedback as possible is crucial. We have a basic design but would like to tweak it. Initial feedback was collected through a Facebook group, but that only reached a small segment of students. Handing out surveys we got more people who may have not seen the group."

Some initial criticism from students included, "The cheesy smile has to go," or "He's too damn cute" and "Longer devil horns that look more manly." If you agree with these criticisms, the SSA needs your help too.

"There was some feedback, but we felt more was needed," Fritz said. "It is a great project, but we want more representation."

"I think there can be much worse ideas for a mascot," Fritz added. "My high school had a red raider mascot and depicted

Tough Week for UW-Stout's Volleyball Team

By Morgan Pfaller
Staff Writer

On Sept. 15 the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Blugolds swept past the University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils in three games at the McPhee Center in Eau Claire. The lady Blue Devils played a tough game, but the Blugolds took the win over them in 25-13, 25-20, 25-11. Only four Blue Devils managed to record a kill, with Steph Nichols, a senior from Greendale Wis., leading UW-Stout with five kills. Two Blugold players had a record nine kills apiece and Elizabeth Anderson had 10 kills to lead all players.

A few days later the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Eagles traveled to Menomonie to face the UW-Stout. The Blue Devils won the first two sets against La Crosse, but the Eagles were quick to take advantage of a shifting moment and reversed the course for

a 15-25, 18-25, 25-14, 25-17, 15-9 win over the Blue Devils Friday night at the Johnson Field house.

During the game, one could see the momentum shift as the Eagles' hitting percentage gradually went up as a team over the final three games. The Eagles, (7-3, 1-1) hit near bottom in game two with a percentage of .121 but shot up to the .345 in the third game and topped out at .450 in the third and deciding game.

Kayla Asland of the Eagles led all players with 19 kills. Hope Weilage, a sophomore from Marshall, Minn., and Sara Kjos, a junior from Hamburg Minn. each had 12 kills for the Blue Devils. Head coach of the team, Jill Joliff, said that, "Friday's loss was a heartbreaker. We were up two sets to zero and let La Crosse come back and win the match."

In the following match on Sept. 18, the Blue Devils played host to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. It was an interesting



Phil Mach / Stoutonia
The team engages in a friendly group huddle.

match as both teams had a chance to go deeper on the bench, with UW-Platteville playing 12 players and UW-Stout also putting 12 girls on the court. However, the UW-Platteville Pioneers made quick work of the Blue Devils, taking a one hour and five minute match, 25-18, 25-11, 25-16.

The Pioneers' (7-1, 3-0) Melissa Hillebrand led all players with 10 kills. v Ali Sikic had 35 assists. For the Blue Devils (1-10, 0-3), a freshman Josie Dockstader from Northfield Minn., had six kills. Mallory White, a freshman from St. Joseph Minn., had 10 digs and 18 assists.

Joliff shared her thoughts about Saturday's match, "I don't feel that we mentally showed up for Saturday's match."

UW-Stout will host the University of Wisconsin-River Falls on Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 2 p.m. The UW-Platteville Tournament starts just a few days later on Sept. 24.



UW-Stout stands at the end line anticipating the referee's whistle.

Phil Mach / Stoutonia

My, How the Tables Have Turned

By Eric Thorson
Editor in Chief

Hey Vikings fans, remember all that hope from last year that you thought would carry into this season? It seems to be slipping like so many footballs out of Brett Favre's hands. With the exception of the Centaur that is "All Day" Adrian Peterson, the Viking's offense has looked absolutely dismal. The defense has been the only glimmer of hope, holding a potent New Orleans offense to only 14 points in week one and then allowing the same total against the Wildcat-loving Miami Dolphins in week two.

The impact of not having Sidney Rice should not be overlooked when discussing the Vikings' early troubles. Favre seems to be having a harder time getting his timing down with Percy Harvin and Bernard Berrian. It could be due to the fact that he has not had much time to gel with them this season since he only went to practice a few weeks before the season began. It took Favre two weeks into the season last year to start putting up the numbers that would result in one his best seasons of his career, but he also threw three touchdowns during those first two weeks as opposed to just one thus far this season.

Vikes fans were hoping that the San Diego Chargers wide receiver Vincent Jackson could fill the void until Rice's slated return in week eight. That idea went out the window on Wednesday, when the Chargers apparently

asked for more than any team was willing to give up, according to NFL.com.

The Vikings were, however, able to sign wide receiver Hank Baskett, who brings his six-foot four-inch frame, six career touchdowns and reality TV star wife Kendra Wilkinson with him. This gives the receiver corps another big, yet unproven player similar to the recently acquired Greg Camarillo. Things are not looking too promising for the purple nation after the first two weeks, but as Packer fans know, Favre has been known to make magic happen.

So how about those Packers? They are off to a red-hot start and are becoming a sexy pick to make it to the Super Bowl in Cowboys Stadium. Aaron Rodgers has officially achieved elite quarterback status. Can you imagine what would have happened if he ended up going number one overall back in 2005? The Packers could have ended up drafting mediocrity in the form of Alex Smith or Jason Campbell.

There are legitimate studs on both sides of the football for the Pack. Defensively, there is California boy and all around monster Clay Matthews. Perhaps the most intimidating sight for a quarterback right now is that golden, majestic hair swaying in the wind as he furiously blows past offensive linemen. Matthews has already recorded six sacks and with his no regard for human life playing style, he could contend for the record for most sacks in a single season.

On the other side of the ball is a guy that

Packer fans are extremely excited about. Jeremichael Finley is becoming one of the most threatening tight ends in the game today. He is too big for defensive backs to cover, and too fast for linebackers to cover, which creates mismatches wherever he lines up on the field. One Packer fan, who will not be named, even predicted that Finley would score 20 touchdowns this season. That is the type of outlandish thinking that this guy is generating throughout the cheesehead community. Early on, it looks like the Pack is well on its way to dethroning the Vikings and overtaking the top spot in the NFC North division.

The Chicago Bears and Detroit Lions have also made strides during the beginning of the 2010 season. The Bears are tied atop the division with the Packers by defeating the winless Lions and Dallas Cowboys. Jay Cutler is cutting down on his interceptions and Julius Peppers is proving to be a key pickup for the defense.

The Lions look like they have struck gold with rookie running back Jahvid Best. Fantasy owners either praised or kicked themselves this past weekend when he exploded for 154 receiving yards and crossed the goal line three times.

As of now, the Packers are the class of the NFC North, but those of us who have been watching these teams for years know there will no doubt be some twists and turns throughout the 16-game season.

Faculty Profile: Mary Palmer

By Jodi Larson
Staff Writer

Congratulations go out to Mary Palmer on becoming the new assistant coach for the men's and women's Blue Devil cross country and track and field programs. Palmer will be assisting head coach Matt Schauf in this year's cross country season.

Palmer is originally from Anoka, Minn. and came to University of Wisconsin-Stout in January of 2009 to pursue her master's degree in food and nutritional sciences. With an outstanding background in distance running, it seems she was the perfect fit for the cross country team. Palmer received an undergraduate degree in economics in 2009 from University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. While at Eau Claire, Palmer ran competitively for four years.

Palmer was a standout athlete for the university's cross country and track and field programs, graduating as co-captain of both programs. She also earned all-WIAC honors five times and All-American honors three times during her collegiate running career. Palmer earned an athletic status in distance running and contributed

greatly to the teams overall success.

Not only was Palmer an All-American athlete, she also helped gain a fifth-place finish for the cross country team at the NCAA Division III National Championships in 2008 with a career best of 21 minutes and 34 seconds for the



Mary Palmer became assistant coach fall of 2010.

6K, placing 26 overall. She has proven herself to be an outstanding leader. With all of her training, Palmer will likely be an asset to the cross country coaching staff.

Cross country athletes are in for a treat because they will be learning running skills from

a national athlete with experience on how they can effectively improve their times.

Palmer also has experience in marathon running. In October of 2009, she completed 'The Bank of America Chicago,' marathon, placing 266 and 15 among women in a time of 2:46.21.

Palmer is a well-rounded athlete competing in a multitude of distance events that will prove significant in this year's cross country season. Cross country athletes will be able to relate to Palmer's past experience and hopefully transfer her knowledge to their training.

"I saw the opportunity to coach and took it," Palmer said. She sees great potential within the team and hopes that she can bring a new perspective with her experience, knowledge and understanding of cross country. Palmer feels she can provide a lot of opportunities for cross country athletics and can relate to the team.

For all you Stout students out there, Palmer says she would love to see more fans at the cross country meets. She encourages you to get out there and support the cross country team.

What 2 Watch 4



upcoming sporting events

- **September 24:**
Volleyball at Platteville Tournament
Tennis at ITA Tournament
- **September 25:**
Soccer plays at home against Lawrence University at 3:30 p.m.
- **September 26:**
Men's golf at Frank Wigglesworth invitational
- **October 1:**
Women's cross country at Blugolds Open 4 p.m.
- **October 2:**
Women's golf at UW-Stevens Point invitational
- **October 16:**
Men's cross country at Brooks invitational at 10:30
Football at UW-River Falls 1 p.m.
Soccer at UW-Oshkosh at 1 p.m.
Tennis at UW-La Crosse at 2 p.m.
- **October 20:**
Volleyball plays UW-Superior Senior Night at 7 pm.
Soccer plays St. Olaf College at 7 p.m.
- **October 22:**
Volleyball plays a double against UW-Stevens Point and Cardianl Stritch University
Women's cross country plays at Lake Wissota invitational 4 p.m.
- **October 23:**
Football plays against UW-Eau Claire at 1 p.m.

Blue Devil SCOREBOARD



Men's Golf

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men's golf team participated in the 2010 St. John's fall invitational on Sept. 18-19. Andy Smith, a senior from Grand Marais, Minn., who has been steadily improving the teams record, finished second. Smith started the first day with a score of 71, trailing behind the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire's Jaime Krula by one stroke. He added a few strokes to his score on the second day, ending with 74. His two-day score was 145 at Blackberry Ridge Golf Club.

Next game: Stout will be at Frank Wigglesworth Invitational on Sept. 26-27 in Eau Claire.



Cross Country

Two runners from the University of Wisconsin-Stout's men's cross country team finished in the top 10 percent at the Woody Greeno/Nebraska Cross Country Invitational hosted by the University of Nebraska on Sept. 18: Senior Peter Johnston and sophomore Tim Nelson. Johnston paced the Blue Devils to a fourth place team finish in the college division by placing 16th with a time of 25-minutes, 49.4 seconds. All of the competitors ran together. The meet featured 295 athletes from 21 different squads from all divisions.

Next Game: Stout will be at the Bugold Open, on Friday Oct. 1 at Whitetail Golf Course.



Women's Golf

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's golf team recently got sixth place at the Wartburg Invite in Waverly Iowa on Sept. 11. Monta Sokolovska, a freshman from Jurmala, Latvia, was in a tie for seventh place. As a team, it won sixth place at that tournament. Sokolovska placed 17th (83-88-171). On Sept. 18-19, the Blue Devils participated in the Division III Midwest Classic. They lead by one stroke over St. Benedict 340-341, in the 13 team event. The next day they finished second at the Jewel Golf Club. The leading players were sophomore Becca Eggers (81-84-165) and junior Kitty Nicastro (91-80-171).

Next game: The team is off next weekend, then will be at the UW-Stevens Point Invitational Oct. 2-3.

This junior quarterback is a packaging major from Little Suamico, Wis. He attended Oconto Falls High School where he chose his major on the recommendation of his teachers who told him it had great job placement. In his spare time, he enjoys snowmobiling, off-roading, hunting and fishing. In the 2010 season he



was appointed team captain.

Even though he was recruited late, he joined the football team because of the coaching staff. When asked if he plans to play football after college he answered, "That is hard to say. I have always considered trying to play in the arena league after I graduate, but this depends on the opportunities I am presented and whether or not I feel I can play at a high level."

The Blue Devils will play in the WIAC contest on Saturday, Oct. 23 against University of Wisconsin-La Crosse at 1 p.m.



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3 UW-Stout Football vs UW-River Falls 2p.m.	4	5 Career Confrence Memorial Student Center 10a.m.-3p.m.	6 Career Confrence Memorial Student Center 10a.m.-3p.m.			

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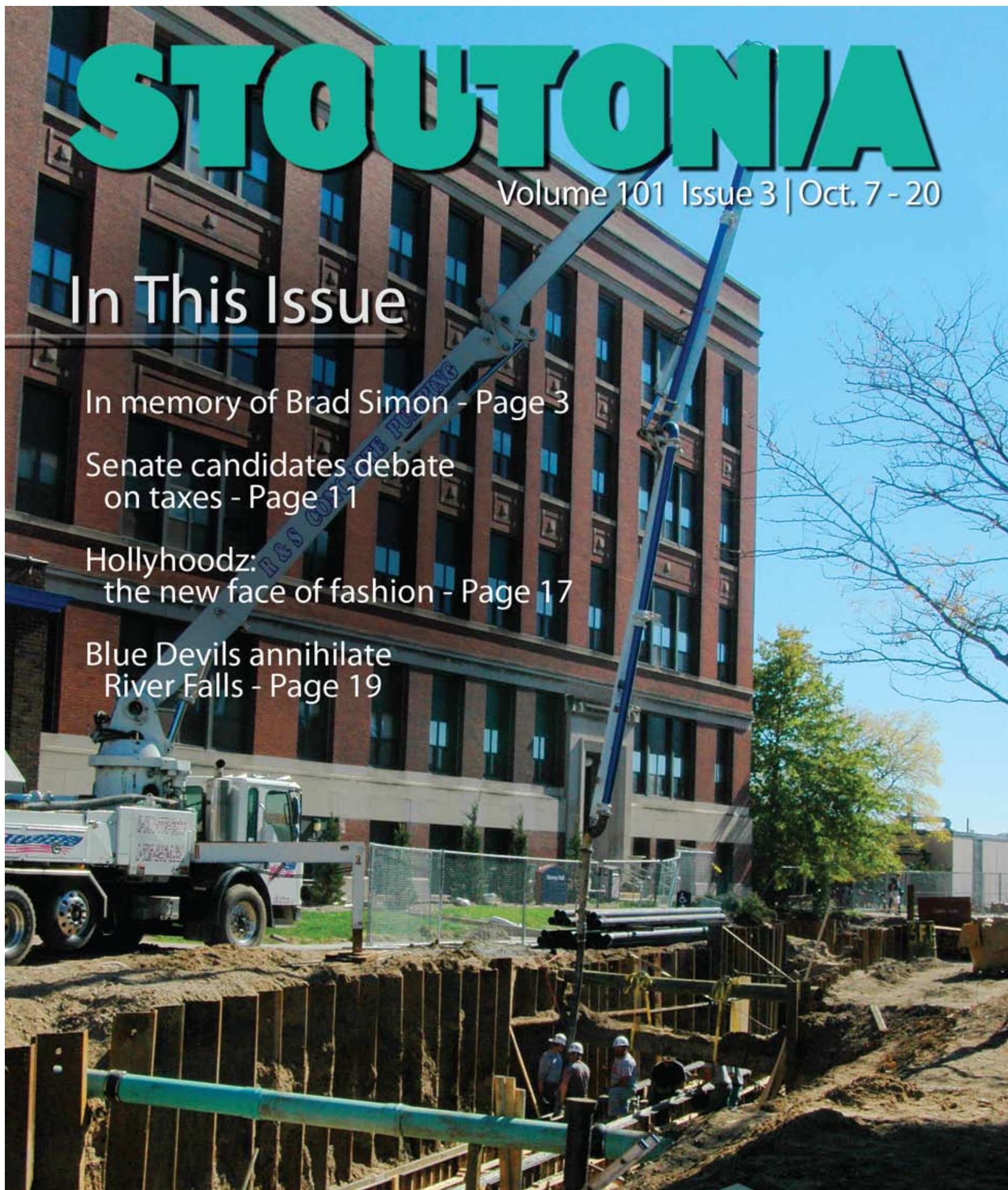
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SSA Meeting Updates



Eric Thorson
Editor-in-chief

Every Tuesday, the Stout Student Association meets to discuss issues that are crucial to the everyday of student's lives here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. These meetings are open to anyone who cares to attend.

The meeting held on Sept. 28 began with an open forum to discuss the renovation of the Memorial Student Center (MSC). Interim Director of University Centers Darrin Witucki led the discussion about the renovation that was approved on Oct. 28, 2008. Some of the goals of the new MSC include improving dining venues, increasing the amount of natural light in the building, increasing lounge space by nearly five times what the current MSC has and becoming a more energy efficient building. These improvements would build upon UW-Stout's reputation for sustainability, ranking at the top of the UW system of four year institutions for the past decade.

A 3D video, rated "S" for stunning, provided before and after shots of what the MSC is and what it will be. Some of these models have been displayed throughout the MSC and the changes are noticeable. Construction is slated to begin in January 2011 with the completed project coming in Spring of 2012.

Next on the docket was a listening session about the goals of UW-Stout for this year, along with the goals set out for 2015. Some immediate goals include: eliminating paper add/drop slips for classes, expanding the add/drop time period, expanding freshmen learning communities, incorporating sustainability into the curriculum and implementing new sustainability policies.

Consolidating summer classes to shut down certain buildings, selling water bottles to reuse and installing water bottle fillers around campus are just some of the ideas that were proposed during the meeting to help make our campus greener. Long-term goals included increasing campus diversity and increasing the graduation rate among minorities.

Provost Julie Furst-Bowe then led a discussion regarding differential tuition and some changes that are possible in the future. These changes have since been decided not to be pursued.

At approximately 8:40 p.m., SSA President Sawyer Lubke gave his State of Stout speech. The first topic he addressed was the major topic this campus has been buzzing about: increasing alcohol abuse awareness. Some ideas included holding listening sessions where students can voice their opinions, developing initiatives that everyone on campus will be aware of and create a personal video to connect people with different stories around campus.

Another issue addressed the development of a document that lays out chapter 17 of the UW-system policy, which informs students of their rights when they are cited for non-academic misconduct.

A complete comprehensive review of UW-Stout's laptop program will also be conducted. "We've had the program for over 10 years, the least we can do is a review of it," said Lubke. "It's important to have different perspectives on the technologies we use."

Lubke ended the State of Stout address on an optimistic note saying, "These priorities, along with many more, will be tackled this school year."

In memory of... *Brad Simon*

Scott Perlick
Staff writer

"You only get one life, don't sleep it away, don't waste it. Live in the moment and do what you want, no regrets."

Unfortunately, most of us here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout never had the opportunity to meet Bradley Simon and never will. Brad is survived by his parents, Phil and Kathy Simon, and his brother, UW-Stout alumni, Paul Simon. Brad was a senior at UW-Stout projected to graduate with a construction degree in December of 2011. This was a man who lived by this quote: "I'm a success today because someone told me I couldn't achieve something. I laughed to myself and said to him, 'Watch me!'" The words of some of Bradley's closest friends speak for the person he was.

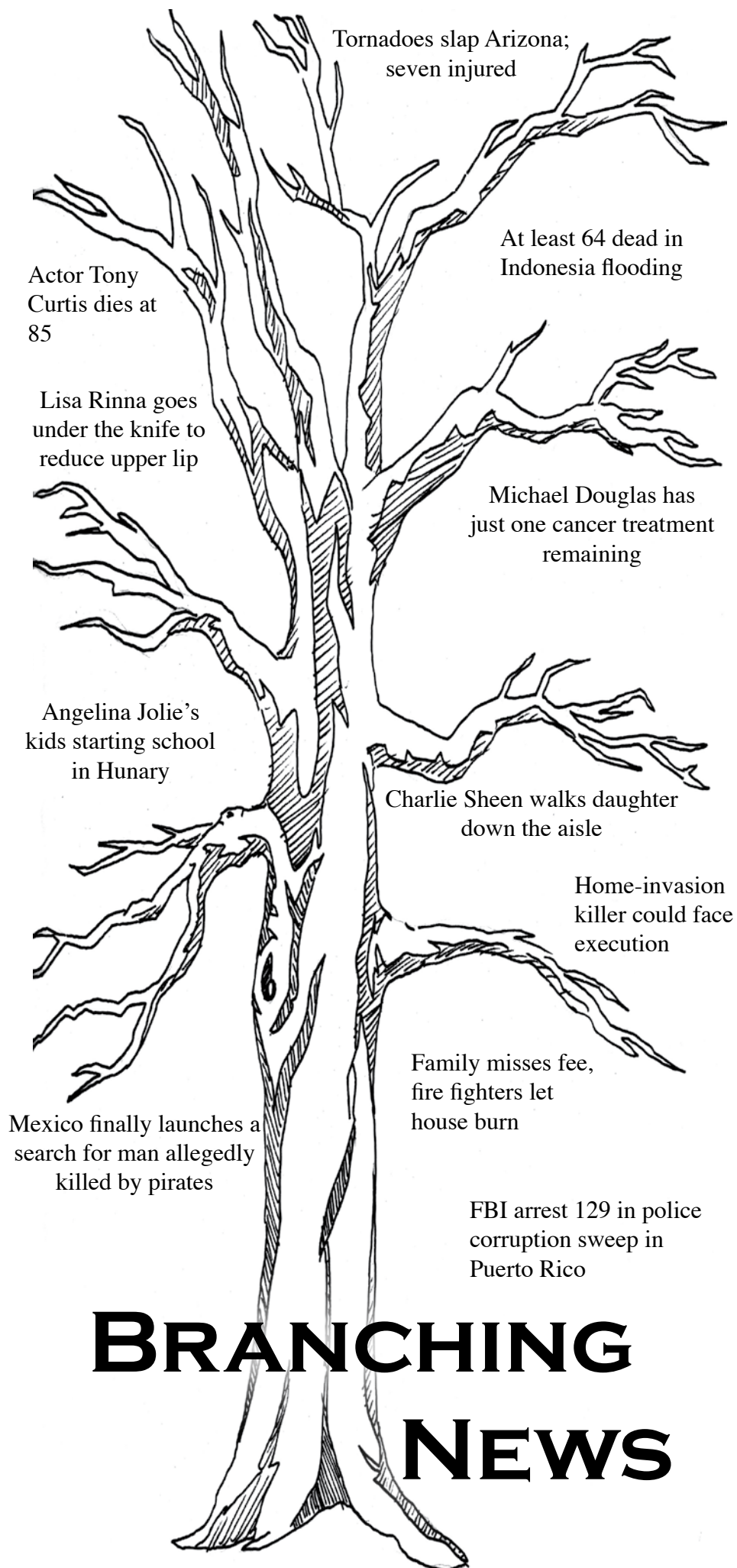
"It would be easy to just say Brad was a good guy, but seriously, Brad would do anything for anyone, would drop everything to

pick a friend up, loved being around people, having a good time and, in general, Brad loved life. Brad was always open to new things and never slept life away." - Seth Abt

"Brad truly cared about people. He would have a drink ready for anyone who walked through the door and loved to socialize with anyone. Brad was always up for a challenge and up for new things; he lived by his values of never letting a moment slip by." - Aaron Pederson

"Brad would literally drop everything to help people. He was all about being the life of the party, always pushed people to live life to the fullest and always made sure everyone was having fun." - Katelyn Dahl

As I interviewed Brad's friends, it was easy to tell he had an impact on those around him and that his memory will carry on in the hearts of those who knew him. He will be remembered in this university, community and the hearts of his friends their entire lives. Rest in peace, Bradley Simon.



BRANCHING NEWS

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Organization Profile: PONG

Jerad Maplethorpe
News editor

The People's Organization of Network Gaming, or PONG, embraces community as much as it does gaming. The group has two main objectives: one, to promote the involvement of University of Wisconsin-Stout students and the surrounding community in participation of organizations on campus, and two, to help gamers improve their performance. So, who should join this organization? Anyone and everyone who plays video games.

"In my experience with PONG over the last month, I met a high-caliber Starcraft 2 player that has been mentoring me. My game has improved quite a bit since I've taken the help that PONG has to offer," said Tucker DeWolf, vice president of the organization.

On Friday, Sept. 17, PONG held a Local Area Network (LAN) event that lasted 32 hours. Over 120 people attended the event, which was not exclusive to PONG members.

"Some people stayed for the entire event, particularly PONG members, and some left around midnight. The ones that stayed through the whole thing had the option of taking naps in a nearby, completely dark lounge with couches and chairs available," said DeWolf.

"Tournaments are held throughout the event for today's most popular games, including Counter-Strike, Team Fortress, Starcraft 2, and Modern Warfare 2. In addition to the video game madness, prize drawings are held throughout the evening and free merchandise is given to the attendees," DeWolf said. Sponsors donate

the merchandise that is given away at the events. For a list of their sponsors, visit <http://pong.uwstout.edu/sponsors>.

PONG events are completely free to attend. All you need to do is bring your laptop or console, depending on which game you intend on playing, and show up to the event. You are welcome to bring a comfy chair too. If you do not play Counter-Strike, Team Fortress, Starcraft 2, Halo:Reach or Modern Warfare 2, don't worry! You can show up and play any game that you prefer. In fact, the previous LAN event had some attendees that setup their own just-for-fun tournaments. PONG is more concerned about the gaming community than the games themselves.

"I think that there is a large group out there that commonly excludes themselves from organizations, clubs and sports," said DeWolf. "Most of this group spends a lot of time playing video games. I think PONG gives these people a real organization to be accepted in because they're around people sharing what they love. However, don't be mislead. I have seen plenty of people show up that I never would have guessed were gamers. In fact, we had a few diamond-league Starcraft 2 players show up who weren't your 'typical' nerds."

I am not sure who these "typical" nerds are, but I must admit that I am in the platinum-league of Starcraft 2's 1v1 division. Maybe I will find some decent competition at PONG's next LAN event OctUberFest, which will start on the Oct. 22 at 4 p.m. in the MSC Ballrooms. If you have ever been interested in joining a dedicated gaming organization, you have to check out PONG.

For more information, visit <http://pong.uwstout.edu>.



Courtesy of the PONG website

September 17 LAN party in Huffs that lasted for 32 hours.

Organization profile:

The An Bu Anime Club

Jessica Christiansen
Staff writer

On Tuesday nights some people are doing homework, some are on their computers and others may be doing absolutely nothing, but not the members of the Anime Club, who meet at 7:30 p.m. in 425 Harvey Hall for two hours of watching various anime.

The Anime Club was actually created under secretive circumstances in 2005. It began when some students from the Math department and a teacher's assistant, who had access to the labs, began watching anime without proper authorization. Two years later, the group of students became the officially recognized "Anime Club."

For two years (2007-2009), the club was managed by two of the original members. In 2009, Samantha Johnson inherited the responsibility as president and remains the president today. She shares responsibility with Lauryn Seering.

"The club is about getting together with a group of people with similar interests and learning about Japanese culture through its animation process," says Johnson. There is no cost to be a member, and members are free to come and go as they choose. It is a very flexible club that takes into consideration the fact that members have classes and may also have jobs, therefore the weekly meetings are not mandatory.

"Many people think that cartoons are just for kids, but Anime most definitely is not. There

are all kinds of anime out there targeted at all different age ranges," Johnson said. The most popular type of anime in the club this semester consist of Yakitate!! Japan and Kuroshitsuji. Kuroshitsuji is the first anime the club watched consistently. Besides the two most popular anime in the club, there are a couple more being viewed this semester, such as Seitokai Yauin Domo and Karin (Chibi Vampire). The club only continues with the anime that the majority of the club enjoys. Johnson continued to say, "If I hear a lot of laughter, I know it's something we should keep watching."

Other than watching anime in the meetings, the club has an Anime Detour they attend. Each

member pays for themselves if they choose to attend the event and you can register online at the Anime Detour website. The club has a variety of theme nights, the first being on Oct. 7. Other themed nights in the future will include: Halloween night (Oct. 28), Retro Night, Anti-Valentines and Holi-Daze.

The members of the club look forward to the weekly two-hour break from school. It is a place to make good friends and everyone is welcome to join. People who are interested in joining can either show up to the meetings or contact the club with any questions at an-bu@uwstout.edu.

On campus jobs at Stout:

"Jay-Oh-Bees"

Tiffany Willits
Staff writer

Are you tired of your parents nagging you to get a job? University of Wisconsin-Stout has many employment opportunities to earn some extra change for your wallet. Whatever your field of interest may be, there is usually a job for you, but it might require a little searching.

Where do you even begin to look for jobs?

The UW-Stout homepage has a hyperlink near the Ask5000 button that reads: "Employment." This is an excellent research tool to discover on-campus jobs, as well as off-campus jobs. The on-campus jobs list both work study and state payroll jobs. The website is frequently updated and when a job is filled, the request for workers is taken down. Currently, there is an opening for an Office Assistant in Bowman Hall and a Computer Operator in the Advisement Center located in Bowman Hall.

Are there any unique jobs on campus?

Yes. The Peer Health Education program offers a unique job opportunity on campus. The peers work at the Student Health Center. Currently there are four peers, and last year there were seven. Peer Health Educators work in the back of the Health Center doing office work and contacting resident halls to educate, promote and to bring healthy living into the lives of students at UW-Stout. The most popular program that peers conduct is titled: Milk, Cookies and Condoms, which informs students about safety issues regarding sex, pregnancy and STIs.

For more information on the Peer Health Education program, visit www.uwstout.edu/studenthealth/peerhealth.

What is the most typical job on campus?

One of the most popular jobs for a student is a Dining Service cafeteria server and cashier. While it may not be the most exciting job, it provides extra spending money for the typical student. Students have the choice to work at the Commons Dining Hall, Expressway Carts, Heritage Café, The Pawn, Terrace Café and the newly-remodeled North Point Dining Hall, previously known as Tainter. This is not such a bad deal because the schedules are flexible and there is the option to work at the dining hall that is closest to you. For more information on Stout's Dining Services, search "Dining Services" on the UW-Stout homepage search engine. Do not forget to do a little digging when it comes to finding a campus job. There are many unique jobs and many helpful resources to assist you in landing a job. Take some time out of your day to search the possibilities and you may end up being very successful.





~~Smooth~~ CRIMINALS

Tales of stupidity
from Menomonie

Citations Issued Oct. 7 through Oct. 20

Underage drinking, 1st offense – 34

Underage drinking, 2nd offense - 3

Open container – 1

Operating while intoxicated – 1

Disorderly conduct – 1

Possession of paraphernalia - 1

Possession of marijuana – 1

Non-registration of motor vehicle – 2

Display of unauthorized registration tag – 1

Speeding – 3

Seatbelt violation – 1

On Wednesday, Sept. 22, an officer was called to lot 4 due to a hit and run incident. The victim's fender had been dented and some red paint had transferred onto the vehicle. The report also indicates that no one was given permission to "strike the vehicle" while it was parked in the lot. Write the words "hit me" on the car rather than "wash me," this way it's a no-fault incident and everyone is happy.

On Friday, Sept. 24, a police officer responded to a report about a stolen bike. Upon arriving to the scene, the officer was informed that the bike had not been stolen but instead had been chained to another bike on the same rack. In addition, the bike had a note on it that said, "Next time you steal, put some stock tires on. And I want the old paint job."

Okay, I have absolutely no idea what happened here; I am in no place to judge. Go buy a Huffie for \$6 at a garage sale and then you do not have to worry about anyone stealing your bike.

On Sunday, Sept. 26, a police officer responded to a call about a bird that had flown through a dorm room window. Upon arrival, the officer noticed that the bird was a large grouse that had a pungent odor, indicating that it had been there awhile. The incident was classified as an animal suicide. These bird suicides are at an all time high and we here at the Stoutonia want to help. We have set up a hotline for all you depressed birds: 1-800-BIRDSAV. Operators are standing by.

On Tuesday, Sept. 28, the Menomonie Fire Department, along with a police officer were dispatched to the Furlong Gallery where a female had fainted while observing the artwork. Just like the dining hall that the gentleman fainted upon seeing that we referenced in the last issue, some things on this campus will simply take your breath away.

On Saturday, Oct. 2, the Menomonie Fire Department responded to a call about someone stuck in an elevator in Curran-Kranzusch-Tustison-Oetting. When they arrived, the person was already out of the elevator and had disappeared. It is unknown who was stuck in the elevator. Crazy kids and their elevator sex, next time just do not get the police involved. There are enough resident assistants around to catch you in the act.

Employers hiring, students optimistic at Career Conference

The U.S. economy still may be sluggish by many standards, but it wasn't evident Tuesday as the Career Conference opened at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Recruiters from dozens of companies — more than 200 will attend the three-day event — were looking to hire full-time employees and fill internship and co-op positions. Company representatives collected resumes from students, shook their hands and handed out pens, sample products and brochures.

The Great Hall and adjacent ballrooms and hallways at the Memorial Student Center were filled to overflowing with company booths.

"I've heard positive things about the future of the economy. When these kids graduate, I'm sure companies will snap them up," said C.J. Kidd, a packaging engineer in Milwaukee for MillerCoors and a 2006 UW-Stout graduate.

MillerCoors is looking for a packaging intern to help design and engineer the bottles, cans and other packages that hold their products. UW-Stout has about 210 packaging majors.

Kidd, a native of Osseo, was a student intern at MillerCoors. He wound up getting a full-time job with the brewing conglomerate, which also owns Leinenkugel Brewing of Chippewa Falls.

More than 2,000 UW-Stout students are expected to attend the conference. One of them was senior Kyle Briski of Eau Claire, an information technology management major. He visited seven booths in about an hour, including Marshfield Clinic, of Marshfield; Menards, of Eau Claire; Ministry Health Care, of Marshfield; and Compellent, a data storage firm from Eden Prairie, Minn.

He believes job prospects in his career field remain strong. "I'm not too nervous about it. Everyone is looking to expand in the IT field. Any one of these companies sounds very promising," Briski said. "They're looking for young people with energy and different ideas."

According to UW-Stout's recent Annual Undergraduate Employment Report, 97 percent of students who graduated in December 2008, May 2009 and August 2009 were employed, despite the recession. UW-Stout,

Wisconsin's Polytechnic University, has an average placement rate of 97 percent for graduates the past 10 years.

At a booth for Menards, recruiters handed out a flyer that had details about nine paid internships. Menards also has multiple openings for full-time jobs, according to Nikki Yankton, a human resources coordinator for the home improvement chain, which has about 40,000 employees.

At another booth, General Mills, the Minnesota-based food conglomerate, had samples of several breakfast cereals, Nature Valley granola bars and Chex Mix snack food. The booth was staffed by three UW-Stout packaging graduates, who helped engineer some of the packages holding the products.

General Mills has an opening for a packaging intern. General Mills internships often turn into full-time jobs, said Claire Thur-



Courtesy of the UW-Stout website

bush, a 2002 UW-Stout packaging graduate who has been working recently with the company's El Paso brand products. "We've had some good candidates stop by. The turnout today has been very good," Thurbush said.

Each day of the conference focuses on a different group of UW-Stout's 40 majors.

Along with all students, from freshmen to seniors, university alumni also can register for the Career Conference.

For more information, contact UW-Stout Career Services Director Amy Lane at lanea@uwstout.edu, 715-232-1469; or go to www.uwstout.edu/careers, 715-232-1601

LGBTQ

Eric Thorson
Editor-in-chief

You may have seen a chalk heart under your feet containing an uplifting message walking to or from class in recent days. That little pick-me-up is just one of the many events that are being put on by the University of Wisconsin-Stout's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Questioning program (LGBTQ) for awareness month, which lasts through October.

"Awareness month is meant to bring awareness to the entire campus community," said Julie Miller, the LGBTQ program coordinator. Her role as program coordinator is to develop programming and services for LGBTQ and Ally students, advocate across campus on a broad range of LGBTQ issues and provide educational and training opportunities for the entire campus community. She is also in charge of coordinating this month's upcoming awareness events.

"These are events that we want students, faculty and staff to attend and they are not meant just for an LGBTQ audience," said Miller.

Some of those events include Robyn Ochs, who spoke on Oct. 6 in Terrace A of the Memorial Student Center. She spoke about binaries, meaning that sexuality is not always black or white — there are some gray areas.

"Society wants to categorize people," said Miller. "It isn't always gay, straight or bisexual in the middle. People fall all over the spectrum."

Ochs will move on to speak to larger institutions, such as the University of Minne-

sota — Twin Cities and Penn State University next week and complete her tour of most of the University of Wisconsin system by month's end.

National Coming Out Day is Monday, Oct. 11. Those who wish to participate can congregate at the Ally Center in the MSC at 12:15 p.m. before marching on to listen to featured speaker Dr. Ed Biggerstaff of the psychology department.

One week later there will be an amateur drag show in the Great Hall of the MSC on Monday,



Rachel Stocker/Stoutonia

Oct. 18 at 7 p.m., which promises to be an evening of dazzling gender bending.

The LGBTQ program really began with the hiring of Miller in October 2008. The Council for Advancement of Standards (CAS) is part of the reason why this campus has not had a position such as Miller's. CAS standards are the template by which academic institutions should or must abide by.

"Sometimes LGBTQ people can be pretty invisible, so administrators don't realize that there is a need," said Miller. "The only way things can get started is for LGBT people to stand up, be-

come visible and state what their needs are."

One of Miller's main focuses is to reach out to students who are too afraid to discuss the topic of sexual orientation or do not know how to get involved. Her office is located on the lower level of the MSC near the SOC desk and right down the hall from the bookstore in room 133B. More information about the LGBTQ program and the full calendar of events during awareness month can be found on its new website at www3.uwstout.edu/lgbtq.



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Calendar of Events

STOUT ADVENTURES - 56 Sports & Fitness Center (232-5625)

10/8-10	Backpacking the Superior Hiking Trail
10/9	Challenge course open house
10/12	Map and compass basics
10/19	Gravity never sleeps

HEALTH & FITNESS CENTER - 53 Sports & Fitness Center (232-1378)

10/16	Blue Devil run/walk 5 and 10k race
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INTRAMURAL SPORTS - 41 Sports & Fitness Center (232-1392)

10/8	Sand volleyball tournament
10/22	Dodgeball tournament

For full event details, registration forms or to receive email updates visit the University Recreation website - <http://urec.uwstout.edu>.



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Letters to the Editor

Kari K Hendrickson
Contributing Writer
Thursday, Sept. 23, 2010

I have lived in Menomonie for most of my life and have seen a lot happen over the years at the University of Wisconsin - Stout. I thought I had seen it all. I always get a kick out of students lugging cases of beer back to their apartments, and I will never forget the toilets found on the streets and hearing about the local fire department on Homecoming weekend hosing down the students who blocked off I-94. Students do some crazy things that make the town talk. Not all of it good.

About 21 years ago, I worked at bar outside of Menomonie. It was a quiet bar where locals would gather in the morning for coffee and doughnuts, find out the latest gossip or add to it. Good-hearted people would come for a bite to eat and even some professors from UW-Stout would come for Friday lunches to relax and enjoy conversation.

One day some students from the university came to the bar to ask for permission to have a party/fundraiser for the university rugby team. The team assured the owners that there would be no minors, IDs would be checked when purchasing tickets for the event, no one would be driving and there would be a shuttle bus to handle transportation for the students.

The day came for the big event. There was a fenced-in area for the students to stay in, but that fence did not even come close to keeping everyone inside. It wasn't long before the students were walking to the neighbors next door and going in the barn and shed. I overheard a local come in say that there were people on

the road playing leap frog and trying to outrun passing cars, but I was too busy to take it all in. Next thing I knew, there were students in the bar that I was positive were underage. I tried to kick them out, but they came right back in. Students were in the bar's kitchen cooking for themselves and some were sneaking behind the bar stealing booze. I could not keep up with everything. Soon the tap beer was gone from students helping themselves. It was all out of control. County police showed up at one point but they locked their keys in the squad car and had to use the bar phone to call for help. So then more county police came and kids were

running everywhere. Most of them ran down to the highway to get on the shuttle bus; and that's when it happened: Two students were hit by a car and were killed. One of the locals came in screaming, "Call 911! Call 911!" I gave him some clean bar towels and he went back to the scene. After the ambulance left, the local came back covered in blood. It is a sight I will never forget.

I still think about that day and wonder how I could have helped. I still wonder about the families that lost their loved ones. I can remember feeling that now I know why the drinking age is 21. It also made me think less of the students at UW-Stout.

Many years later and after having gone back to school at UW-Stout, I am so amazed at what it has to offer and the prestige the university has in the working world. By far, UW-Stout was the best choice for me, the best thing that I have done for myself.

This year, school started out on a bad note. This is not what I wanted to remember for my last year at school.

I was recently informed that a fellow student has passed away. It just reminded me of the accident 21 years ago. My heart goes out to the family of Bradley L. Simon. This did not have to happen.

I wish all the UW-Stout Students would be as smart as I know they are and not act so stupidly and carelessly. I see and understand now why Chancellor Sorensen is trying to push more Friday classes to cut down on drinking. It is really not much to ask for, considering that now a life has been taken. It is in your best interest for your future and your family. Chancellor Sorensen is trying to prevent problems, like this one, from happening.

This accident should have never happened. I am sad and angry. If the rumors are true and the accident involved UW-Stout hockey players, I hope there are severe consequences to come and that an example is made in their punishment. If the rest of the hockey team acts in this manner, I think there should be no UW-Stout hockey team. There is no excuse for what happened. A young life was lost - that can never be fixed.

Students don't think, or maybe don't care, but what you do now, will affect the rest of your lives.

Josh Fritz
Organizational Affairs Director

SSA
Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2010

Recently I was reading the Stoutonia and came across two articles I found absurd and downright wrong in their factual nature. Luckily, they were both in the opinions section and from contributing writers and not staff writers. "Is it all in vain?" and "How Far is Too Far?" state many things about this university, but "How far is too far?" does not take into account that this university is part of the University of Wisconsin System. The UW-System consists of all of the public Wisconsin Universities, including all of the two-year and four-year schools bearing the UW (University of Wisconsin) name. All UW schools are subject to the University of Wisconsin Administrative Code. Chapter 17, of this code, specifically deals with Student Nonacademic Disciplinary Procedures. The policy reads:

UWS 17.01 Policy statement:

The missions of the University of Wisconsin System and its individual institutions can be realized only if the university's teaching, learning, research and service activities occur in living and learning environments that are safe and free from violence, harassment, fraud, theft, disruption and intimidation. In promoting such environments, the university has a responsibility to address student nonacademic misconduct; this responsibility is separate from and independent of any civil or criminal action resulting from a student's conduct. This chapter defines nonacademic misconduct, provides university procedures for effectively addressing misconduct, and offers educational responses to misconduct. The University of Wisconsin System is committed to respecting students' constitutional rights. Nothing in this chapter is intended to restrict students' constitutional rights, including rights of freedom of speech or to peaceably assemble with others.

One of the main points of this policy is that the university is to foster an environment free from violence, harassment, fraud, theft, disruption and intimidation. As a student during all of the tragedies that have happened over the years here at UW-Stout, I have seen the disruption it causes the campus community. Losing a fraternity brother, a co-worker, a mentor and, most influential of all, the loss of a friend is the most disruptive situation the campus faces. With our administration trying to enforce its policies, it is only trying to curb the behavior that results in these tragic situations. This usually falls on deaf ears however, as it is seen as an authority figure trying to push its own agenda. What the entire student body here needs is a wake-up. We need to take responsibility for ourselves, for our friends, our campus. The tragedies that have plagued this campus should be our wake-up call.

"Is it all in vain?" claims that the university has "increased police presence on campus." Having been on this campus for a number of years, I have not seen any more police presence on campus and think the writer is confused. The Dunn County Alcohol Task Force (DCATF), however, may be what is being referenced. The DCATF is a new presence within the community and is in no way funded nor operated through the university. Though the university is in collaboration with the Menomonie Police Department, the UW-Stout Police Department, the Dunn County Sheriff's as well as Prevention Specialists, University Officials and numerous community volunteers, the task force was not created by UW-Stout. Funding for the task force and its initiatives comes from a federal grant. The focus of the article was not the source of funding nor the makeup of the task force, I think it was important to point out that this issue, of excessive drinking, is not just that of the university but that of Dunn County.

Having sat in meetings with the driving forces of the DCATF, UW-Stout's Administration, various department heads and concerned faculty and staff, I feel a little more informed than most. There are many ideas floating around, but one major point gets conveyed: Teaching responsible drinking. Various actions have been taken, and I cannot speak for all of these actions. I disagree with some, but I agree with the sentiment that we as a campus community must realize the problem at hand and take responsibility to change it. The culture shift I talk about will only come about through collaboration between students, faculty, staff and administration.

I wish we could work solely amongst our peers on this, but few too many have demonstrated this level of responsibility. Being responsible members of the campus and the community is what we need. Unless we can make this evident, the administration will try to influence us in the only way they can: by enforcing policies.

I am not trying to preach from a soapbox that drinking is wrong, nor that I have never been an example of dangerous behavior. I can admit that I have had my fair share of experiences with these situations and have been the problem on an occasion or two. Luckily, these decisions have not had a lasting impact on my future. However, the last drinking death prompted a change in me.

Two days before the most recent incident, I sat in a class and argued with a professor about the strategies the administration is now enforcing more thoroughly. Her final argument, which left me dumbfounded, was "What if it saves a life?" I was confident in my belief that I had pushed my argument far enough for the professor to play on sympathy. However, when I heard the news, I was hit hard. I did not know Brad Simon, but his death was my wake-up call. Unless we recognize the problem we cannot address this issue. What will it take for the rest of the campus to realize the problem we have?

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Scorpio: Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You are obnoxiously enthusiastic and optimistic. Everything works out for you and life could not be better. You must have repaired those rose-colored glasses.

Virgo: Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

Additcted to infomercials? Don't be fooled. They say they love you and truly want to help you, but there are questionable drawbacks to all their best laid plans.

Taurus: April 20 - May 20

Think of a number. Now add four to that number. Now multiply that number by three. This may or may not be the winning Powerball number. It also may or may not be your Wii Fit age.

Aquarius: Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You are witty and intelligent and are willing to do what it takes, but don't take yourself too seriously. The long and winding road will not necessarily take you to Paul McCartney.

Pisces: Feb. 19 - March 20

The future holds joy, happiness, wealth and success. However, this is not for you. This is for someone who is close to you. Yeah, you're screwed.

Sagittarius: Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

The older you get, the more you start to think everyone else is dense. Check the bottom of your shoes for the age you are acting.

Cancer: June 21 - July 22

Grab a pen and paper. You will ingeniously construct a side-splitting joke in your head. Forgetting the punch line would be the worst thing that would ever happen.

Leo: July 23 - Aug. 22

It would be wise to wear some steel-toed boots to protect your toes, because you and a piece of furniture will not see eye to eye in the near future.

Gemini: May 21 - June 20

Don't despair! You may not have found what you were looking for, but at least you managed to find the profile of Robert Pattinson in your bag of chips.

Aries: March 21 - April 19

Try not to be so scatterbrained in the morning. Forgetting deodorant may hurt your chances with a certain member of the opposite sex.

Capricorn: Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You have a vivid imagination. Something you discover may surprise you for 13 seconds. Keep your paranoia in check though, as the FBI will want to talk with you about it.

Libra: Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Your nose will itch after kissing a fool. However, getting locked in a spice cabinet for a week probably won't help either.

“ These boots were made for walking...”

Emily Eder
Contributing Writer

In 1978, a young, Australian surfer-type introduced a cultural phenomenon to the United States, the “Ugg Boot.” We have all seen them and many wear them. Some claim they are a fashion statement. Nonetheless, the Ugg boot does indeed make its presence known across college campuses.

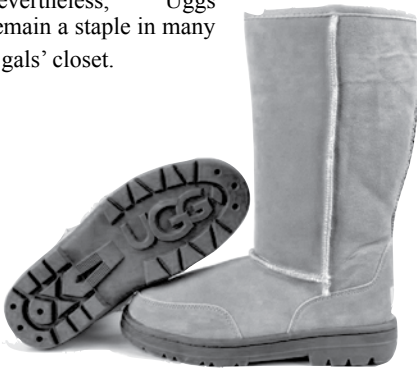
Originally made of sheepskin, Ugg claims to keep its wearer’s feet at body temperature, in both blisteringly hot and bitter cold climates. It may seem strange, but Uggs are also designed to be worn without socks: a moldable footbed allows for a “custom fit.” As a dedicated Ugg wearer myself, my feet sure do enjoy the soft sole of comfortable boots when walking from Johnson Fieldhouse across the campus tundra to Harvey Hall in sub-zero temperatures. But what is so appealing about the fluffy footwear exactly?

The Ugg boot has long been debated in terms of a “do” or a “don’t”. Personally, it is a “do” for me. My roommate agrees saying, “I love ‘em!”

A close guy friend of mine proudly says he tinks they “aren’t functional and girls only wear

them because Britney Spears does.” But what does he know anyway? The Ugg trend becomes obvious around campus at the first sign of winter, although I have seen several pairs walking around even in the milder days of late. It is true; they are easy to wear when tucked in with skinny jeans, leggings or the college kid staple of sweatpants. It seems that Uggs in any of these combinations are acceptable.

Uggs were probably made intentionally for looks, especially for the kids who are fortunate enough to live in warm weather year round. But here “Up North,” the Ugg boot remains popular because they are the go-to-shoe in just about any type of weather. They are especially handy when shoveling a car out of the parking lot in three feet of snow! Granted, Uggs are not designed to be submerged in spring puddles or worn while hiking muddy trails, but nevertheless, Uggs remain a staple in many a gals’ closet.



Boots/www.ugugg.com

Don’t turn your back to the fire!

Robert J. Kempainen
Opinions Editor

The 16th American President, Abraham Lincoln, once said, “Elections belong to the people. It is their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters.”

The biennial autumn elections are rapidly approaching. It is about this time when Americans realize that change is in the air. We see it outside in the changing of seasons and also by the opportunistic politicians promising to change the status quo in both Wisconsin and Washington. Even though there will not be a president on this elections ballot, it does not mean there won’t be major change as a consequence of who wins. This election will determine the road America is going to take into this new century.

University of Wisconsin-Stout students must not take for granted the privilege to vote and make a difference in our community. This election represents one of the sharpest contrasts between candidates and their political parties, not seen since the Great Depression. Our generation is witnessing some major conflicts in both the nation and the world: our economic system is on fire; the foundation of our educational system is threatening collapse; our energy policy is nowhere near sustainable; our health care is leaving millions sick and bringing families to the brink of bankruptcy; and not to mention the two wars that are dismantling the middle east

and threatening our liberties at home.

So what can we do as students? Let me offer some advice.

Firstly, get off your ass and get educated! I would start by paying attention to what is happening in the world today. There are things happening that are going to affect your lives in the months and years to come. The sooner you know about them the better! Also, be aware of the philosophical disagreements of the new millennium and use your rational thinking to distinguish between the productive politics and the obstructionist politics.

Secondly, remain independent of old ideologies and self-proclaimed titles (like conservative or liberal). However, it does no good to be oblivious of these failures to communicate, rather learn from the mistake of mislabeling a human being. Challenge your previously held dispositions; this will only strengthen them if they are your true beliefs. Now use this to shape your 21st century political mindset around what you think the next century “ought” to resemble.

Lastly, get yourself involved in the political process. Once you’ve found what it is you are passionate about, use that passion to make a difference in your community. Dr. Martin Luther King once said, “All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence.” This could be as simple as voting intelligently or joining a political or issue-related organization here on campus. The point is, in order to make a difference, you have to be the difference. UW-Stout, don’t turn your back on the fire.

Senator Feingold and Ron Johnson debate on taxes



Feingold/www.wtag.com/Fox 11

State your position regarding the extension of the Bush Tax Cuts. Should we extend all of them? Should we extend some of them? Should we extend none of them?

I supported tax cuts for 95 percent of working families in Wisconsin that passed last year. As we continue to climb out of the worst recession since the Great Depression, we should extend the existing tax cuts targeted at middle-class Americans. We should work to find a way to pay for this extension, too, so as to not increase the deficit. But extending the tax cuts that only go to the wealthiest Americans is totally irresponsible because we can't afford it and it would make our massive deficit even worse.

How will your position reduce the deficit?

I favor extending the tax cuts for middle-class Americans and finding a way to pay for them, even if that means paying for them over time. But extending tax cuts that only go to the very wealthy would pile another \$700 billion onto our already massive deficit. That's irresponsible, which is why I oppose extending tax cuts for the very wealthy.

How will your position benefit UW-Stout students?

Unless there is another Mark Zuckerberg-like entrepreneur graduating this year, most, if not all, UW-Stout students would not see their taxes rise if we let the tax cuts for only the wealthiest Americans expire. However, if we extend the tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans, students at UW-Stout, as well as the next generation, will be forced to shoulder the cost in the years ahead.

Finally, explain how this position fits into your own political philosophy.

When I first ran for the Senate, I ran on a platform of fiscal responsibility. A central part of my campaign was my 82-point to reduce unnecessary government spending and slash the deficit. Working with both Democrats and Republicans dedicated to erasing that debt, we succeeded and even gave President George W. Bush a surplus when he took office. But that is when the trouble started. Over the next decade, fiscally irresponsible decisions erased the surplus and put us on an unsustainable road that has plunged us into debt, which my children's generation – the generation of many current students at UW-Stout – will be responsible to pay off. The cornerstones of this fiscal irresponsibility were the Bush tax cuts passed in 2001, not a penny of which was paid for.

I opposed the Bush tax cuts because they

were incredibly irresponsible. And as we look ahead over the next 10 years, the legacy of the Bush tax cuts will be the massive hole they put the American people in. A report released this summer by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities identified the factors driving the deficit in the years ahead. The report stated that while some people try to pin blame for our record deficit on recent policies like the stimulus bill, one of the main culprits is the Bush tax cuts. According to the report, the tax cuts and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan accounted for over \$500 billion of the deficit last year and will account for almost \$7 trillion in deficits over the next decade. The tax cuts are set to expire at the end of this year, at a time when our economy is still fragile from the worst recession since the Great Depression. While the economy has shown signs of improvement, we still have a way to go. That is why I support extending the existing tax cuts for middle-class Americans, who are most likely to spend the money and thus stimulate the economy. We should also find a way to pay for extending these tax cuts so as to not add to the deficit, which would hurt our long-term economic prospects. But many economists agree that extending the tax cuts that only go to the wealthiest Americans provides little economic benefit and could pile \$700 billion more on to our deficit. I firmly oppose irresponsibly extending the tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans. At a time when reducing the deficit is a top priority, we need people in the Senate with experience at slashing the deficit. I've been there before and I am committed to doing it again. And just like I did when I first ran for the Senate, I have offered a plan to reduce the deficit by nearly one half trillion dollars over the next decade. My plan, called the Control Spending Now Act, is made up of more than 40 specific proposals to cut wasteful government spending, while also putting in place reforms to prevent us from going down the path of fiscal irresponsibility in the future. One such reform is called Paygo, or the pay-as-you-go rule, which is one of the tools we used last time around to erase the deficit. And once again, the concept is simple – if Congress wants to spend money on something, it must offset that spending. The bill also includes reforms I have authored with Republican Congressman Paul Ryan and Senator John McCain to curb wasteful spending on earmarks, those pet projects too often slipped into larger bills. While I have specific plans to cut wasteful spending, my opponent, Ron Johnson offers no solutions. He says he is for cutting spending and erasing the deficit. But he fully embraces extending tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans like himself, which will only balloon the deficit. And when asked by reporters what specific spending he would cut, he flat out refused to do so. With record deficits hanging over the heads of future generations, we can't afford empty rhetoric. We need real ideas to attack our challenges head-on. And if the people of Wisconsin decide to re-hire me, I will continue my long record of working to slash the deficit and protect taxpayer dollars.



Johnson/www.wtag.com/Fox 11

State your position regarding the extension of the Bush Tax Cuts. Should we extend all of them? Should we extend some of them? Should we extend none of them?

I do not believe we should be raising taxes on anyone, especially during a time of economic turmoil. Higher taxes place a heavy burden on small businesses, workers and families and make it harder to invest in job creation. We don't have a taxing problem in this country, we have a spending problem, and addressing runaway spending will be one of my top priorities when I get to Washington.

How will your position reduce the deficit?

Improving the economy by not raising taxes during a bad economic period will help revenues increase for the federal government and that, combined with some fiscal discipline that my opponent has been unwilling to

support, will help reduce the out of control federal deficit.

How will your position benefit UW-Stout students?

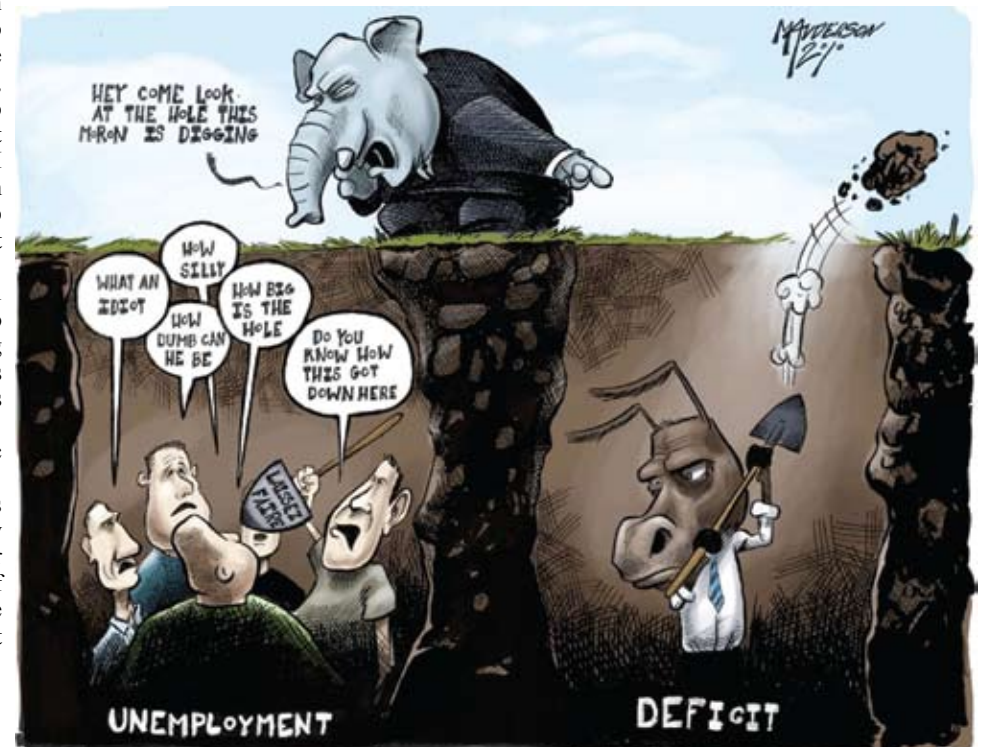
Improving the economy and reducing the deficit helps everyone looking for work, especially college students who will soon be joining the job market. Additionally, reducing the deficit should mean lower taxes, which is critical for recent graduates who are struggling to keep up with bills and loan payments as they start their post-graduate life.

Finally, explain how this position fits into your own political philosophy.

I believe that government spending is out of control. Washington has been on a spending spree and now the nation's debt exceeds a record \$13 trillion.

Runaway federal spending has stifled economic growth and resulted in a crushing federal debt. It is why after 31 years of running a business in Oshkosh, I decided it was time to get off the sidelines and run for office.

To correct course, I believe we must impose budgetary discipline. I support implementing a balanced budget amendment, limiting federal spending to 20 percent of our nation's economy, or imposing spending limits that restrict growth to no greater than the growth of population and inflation as done in a number of states.



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1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #7	200	200	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR 4
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #9	200	200	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR 4
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #5	240	240	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR 4
1	1	620 9th Avenue E	250	250	Nice-sized efficiency, close to campus, includes utilities	3 4
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #7	265	265	Studio, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A 4
1	1	119 West Main Street #1	295	295	Large studio, close to campus and downtown, parking	3 4
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #1	300	300	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great view	6 4
1	1	702 4th Street E	300	300	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, downtown	6 4
1	1	1506 1/2 6th Street E	320	320	Large apt, great location, enclosed front porch & storage	D 4
1	1	115 1/2 West Main Street	325	325	Nice, large apartment, close to campus and downtown	3 4
1	1	1203 1/2 14th Avenue East	335	335	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, off-street parking	D 4
1	1	802 6th Avenue #1	335	335	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6 4
1	1	802 6th Avenue #2	335	335	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6 4
1	1	421 1/2 13th Avenue West	345	345	Nice, large apartment, parking, storage, lawn care included	D 4
1	1	802 6th Avenue #3	345	345	Nice-sized efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6 4
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #2	350	350	Efficiency, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A 4
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	375	375	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	6 4
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #3	375	375	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	6 4
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	380	380	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, great apt	6 4
1	1	1218 1/2 9th Street E	385	385	Large, upper duplex with den & parking, great location	D 4
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #5	395	395	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great apt	6 4
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	395	395	Efficiency, new carpet, includes WSG & heat, great location	A 4
1	1	1520 1/2 7th Street E	395	395	Nice apartment w/ garage, washer/dryer, close to campus	D 4
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	395	395	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, close to campus	8 4
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	395	395	Efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8 4
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #6	395	395	Efficiency includes utilities & parking, great apartment	8 4
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #8	395	395	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, private entrance	8 4
1	1	1221 7th Street E	395	395	Very large, nice, hardwood floors, incl. WSG, heat, parking	4 4
1	1	1520 7th Street E	395	395	Nice apartment w/ garage, washer/dryer, close to campus	D 4
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	415	415	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, close to campus	A 4
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	420	420	Great efficiency w/ loft & balcony, includes util. & parking	8 4
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	425	425	Studio, includes WSG, heat & parking, great location	A 4
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #5	425	425	Studio, includes WSG, heat & parking, close to campus	A 5
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	435	435	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	8 5
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #1	455	435	Great location w/ parking, includes WSG & heat	A 5
H	1	1809 6th Street E	620	155	New flooring throughout, washer/dryer, off-street parking	H
H	1	1115 14th Avenue E	630	158	Large rooms, washer/dryer, screened-in porch, garage	H
H	1	1508 10th Street E	630	158	Nice layout, new flooring, washer/dryer hook-ups, parking	H
D	1	1120 15th Avenue E	650	163	Good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, off-street parking	D
H	1	309 14th Avenue West	720	180	Washer/dryer, room for storage, parking, good location	H
4	1	921 Main Street #1	750	188	Fantastic apartment, large rooms, parking, good location	4
D	2	512 19th Avenue West	800	200	Large, split-level, 2 living rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
H	2	1319 8th Street E	820	210	Nice, good-sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H
H	1	1600 10th Street E	820	210	Remodeled kitchen & bath, nice-sized rooms, washer/dryer	H
H	1	1216 6th Street E	830	208	Good-sized rooms, porch, across from campus, parking	H
D	1	121 1/2 12th Avenue West	840	210	Large apt, good-sized rooms, W/D, parking, great location	D
D	1.5	121 12th Avenue West	840	210	Nice house, new carpet, W/D, parking, great location	D
H	1	1215 10th Street E	840	210	3-season porch, built-ins, W/D, storage, garage, large yard	H
H	1	1509 South Broadway	900	225	Large house, nice inside, big rooms, great location, parking	H
H	2	1620 6th Street E	900	225	Great house, nice-sized rooms, washer/dryer, garage	H
H	1	2235 South Broadway	940	235	Great house, good-sized rooms, W/D, basement, parking	H
H	1	1114 7th Street E	950	238	Nice house, front porch, garage, washer/dryer, nice yard	H
H	2	1702 6th Street E	950	238	Spacious house, huge rooms, den, W/D, off-street parking	H
8	1.5	414 14th Avenue #1	1000	250	Nice & spacious, W/D, includes all utilities, A/C, parking	8
8	1.5	414 14th Avenue #2	1000	250	Nice & spacious, W/D, includes all utilities, A/C, parking	8
8	1.5	414 14th Avenue #3	1000	250	Nice & spacious, W/D, includes all utilities, A/C, parking	8
8	1.5	414 14th Avenue #4	1000	250	Nice & spacious, W/D, includes all utilities, A/C, parking	8
8	1.5	414 14th Avenue #5	1000	250	Nice & spacious, W/D, includes all utilities, A/C, parking	8
8	1.5	414 14th Avenue #6	1000	250	Nice & spacious, W/D, includes all utilities, A/C, parking	8
8	1.5	414 14th Avenue #7	1000	250	Nice & spacious, W/D, includes all utilities, A/C, parking	8
8	1.5	414 14th Avenue #8	1000	250	Nice & spacious, W/D, includes all utilities, A/C, parking	8
D	2	1515 6th Street E	1000	250	Spacious house w/ den, W/D, parking, close to campus	D
H	1.5	1615 7th St E1000	250	Nice house, great location, deck, washer/dryer, garage	H	
A	3	147 1/2 Main Street #A	1040	260	Great apt, huge rooms, W/D on site, incl. WSG, parking for 2	A
D	2	602 12th Avenue East	1040	260	Large bedrooms, new kitchen floor, W/D, close to campus	D
H	2	1301 9th Street E	1040	260	Beautiful house, remodeled, W/D, garage, porch & deck	H
H	2	1317 8th Street E	1040	260	Great house, den, W/D, carport, deck, good location	H
H	2	1508 8th Street E	1040	270	Just remodeled, hardwood, W/D, garage, lawn care included	H
H	2	332 1/2 Main Street E	1080	270	Huge! Fantastic apartment, W/D, deck, some parking in back	H
H	2	1021 8th Street E	1100	275	Great house, nice rooms, W/D, screened porch, big deck	H
D	2	1415 8th Street E	1200	300	BEAUTIFUL & NEW! Very nice, large rooms, W/D, parking	D
H	1	1121 6th Avenue E	700	140	Large house, new flooring, front porch, off-street parking	H
H	1.5	221 4th Street West	750	150	North campus, W/D, porch, basement storage, parking	H
H	1	1320 6th Street E	825	165	Large house, W/D, breezeway, garage, close to campus	H

1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8 455	435	1	Large efficiency, includes WSGs & heat, parking	A	5	2	2303 3rd Street E	920	184	3	Big house , washer & dryer, fenced yard, 2-car garage
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #6 455	445	1	Nice, large apt incl. WSG & heat, close to campus, parking	A	5	2	2006 5th Street #A	950	190	190	H
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #3 455	455	1	Nice apt, private entrance & parking, WSG, HW & heat incl.	6	5	2	1311 South Broadway	955	159	159	H
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #4 455	455	1	Nice, good-sized apt w/ parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6	5	2	814 10th Street	970	194	194	D
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #7 485	485	1	Nice, large apt, includes utilities, parking, private entrance	8	5	2	1403 6th Street E	1000	200	200	H
1	1	333 1/2 Main Street #1 495	445	1	Nice, desirable downtown apt, includes WSG & heat	8	5	2	1521 8th Street	1000	200	200	H
1	1	333 1/2 Main Street #2 495	445	1	Large, desirable downtown apt, includes WSG & heat	A	5	1.5	1115 6th Street	1050	210	210	H
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #1 545	545	1	Fantastic apartment, includes utilities & parking	8	5	2	414 12th Avenue West	1100	220	220	H
2	1	113 West Main Street 360	180	2	Close to campus and downtown, some upgrades	3	5	1.5	1107 2nd Street West	1100	220	220	H
2	1	119 West Main Street #2 360	180	2	Close to campus and downtown, basement storage	3	5	2.5	1502 7th Street E	1100	220	220	H
2	1	921 Main Street #4 360	180	2	Huge rooms, lots of parking, porch, good location	4	5	2	1803 7th Street	1100	220	220	D
2	1	115 West Main Street 370	185	2	New carpet throughout, close to campus and downtown	3	5	2	607 13th Avenue East	1125	225	225	H
2	1	921 Main Street #2 375	188	2	Good location, new carpet, parking, nice-sized rooms, porch	4	5	2	208 13th Avenue West	1150	230	230	H
2	1	1203 14th Avenue East 395	198	2	Large lower duplex, good-sized rooms, off-street parking	D	5	2.5	902 Main Street E	1150	230	230	H
2	1	915 1/2 Main Street E 420	210	2	Upper duplex, 3-season porch, nice-sized rooms, parking	D	5	2	2006 5th Street #B	1200	240	240	3
2	1	1506 6th Street E 420	210	2	Large rooms, enclosed front porch, storage, large yard	D	5	2	2006 5th Street #C	1200	240	240	H
2	1	1218 9th Street E 425	213	2	Lower duplex w/ washer & dryer, parking, close to campus	D	5	2	1208 9th Street E	1240	248	248	H
2	1	1803 1/2 7th Street E 450	225	2	Nice apartment, new carpet, washer/dryer, parking	D	5	2	1309 8th Street E	1275	255	255	H
2	1	1311 1/2 South Broadway 450	225	2	Nice apt, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D	5	2	1708 6th Street #A	1350	270	270	D
2	1	421 13th Avenue West 450	225	2	Nice apartment, hardwood floors, parking, lawn care incl.	D	5	2	1708 6th Street #B	1350	270	270	H
2	1	2121 5th Street #A 450	225	2	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4	5	2	321 14th Avenue West	1375	275	275	H
2	1	2121 5th Street #B 450	225	2	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4	5	2	1008 6th Street E	1375	275	275	H
2	1	208 1/2 13th Avenue West 480	240	2	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, new paint, parking	D	6	2	1402 8th Street E	800	133	133	H
2	1	414 1/2 12th Avenue West 480	240	2	Large apt, nice-sized rooms, parking, lawn care included	D	6	2	504 10th Street E	900	150	150	H
2	1	1221 1/2 7th Street E 480	240	2	Nice, large apt, porch, WSG, heat, HW & parking included	4	6	2	1603 7th Street E	1000	167	167	H
2	1	619 1/2 13th Avenue E 480	240	2	Nice-sized rooms, great location, WSG, heat & HW incl.	4	6	2	1602 8th Street E	1100	183	183	H
2	1	619 13th Avenue E 480	240	2	Incl. heat, WSG, hot water, excellent location w/ parking	4	6	2	115 17th Avenue West	1200	200	200	D
2	1	620 15th Avenue E 480	240	2	Upper duplex, very nice, large rooms & closets, parking	D	6	2	321 20th Avenue #A	1200	200	200	4
2	1	1415 4th Street West 480	240	2	Apartment w/ garage/parking, good location, nice floor plan	D	6	2	321 20th Avenue #B	1200	200	200	4
2	1	1502 10th Street E 500	250	2	Cute house, new carpet, den, garage, behind Lammer's	H	6	2	321 20th Avenue #C	1200	200	200	4
2	1	620 1/2 9th Avenue E 525	263	2	Large, nice rooms, very close to campus, great apartment	3	6	2	321 20th Avenue #D	1200	200	200	H
2	1	147 1/2 Main Street #C 550	275	2	Large, very nice, new carpet, W/D in bldg, includes WSG	A	6	2	415 13th Avenue West	1200	200	200	H
2	1	802 6th Avenue #5 550	275	2	Great apartment, huge rooms, includes utilities & parking	6	6	2	1321 9th Street E	1200	200	200	H
2	1	802 6th Avenue #6 550	275	2	Nice apartment, large rooms, utilities & parking included	6	6	2	220 12th Avenue West	1240	207	207	H
2	1	903 7th Street E 550	275	2	Spacious apartment w/ washer/dryer, very close to campus	3	6	2	1714 8th Street E	1290	225	225	H
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #1 560	280	2	Cute apt, private entrance, parking, heat, WSG & HW incl.	6	6	2	1415 1/2 8th Street E	1300	217	217	D
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #2 560	280	2	Ground level apt, large rooms, parking, heat, WSG & incl.	6	6	2	602 1/2 12th Avenue East	1350	225	225	D
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #5 560	280	2	Nice, good-sized apt w/ parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6	6	2	115 1/2 17th Avenue West	1350	225	225	D
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #6 560	280	2	Great apt, new shower, parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6	6	2	408 18th Avenue East	1350	225	225	H
3	1	2215 1/2 5th Street E 425	142	3	Lower duplex, good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D	6	2	921 8th Street E	1380	230	230	H
3	1	119 West Main Street #3 500	167	3	Nice apt, good-sized rooms, close to campus & downtown	3	6	2.5	802 12th Avenue	1400	233	233	H
3	1	1311 South Broadway 555	185	3	Nice house, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D	7	2	1321 2nd Street West	1225	175	175	H
3	1	921 Main Street #3 600	200	3	Large apartment, nice-sized rooms, parking, good location	4	7	3	1803 7th Street E	1550	221	221	H
3	1	2215 5th Street E 600	220	3	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, W/D hook-ups, parking	D	7	2	820 11th Street E	1600	229	229	H
3	1	220 1/2 12th Avenue West 620	207	3	Upper duplex, incl. W/D, off-street parking, great location	D	7	3	1102 10th Street E	1600	229	229	H
3	1	208 13th Avenue West 620	207	3	Large lower duplex, washer/dryer, large rooms, parking	D	7	3	819 7th Street E	1610	230	230	H
3	1	220 12th Avenue West 620	207	3	Large lower duplex, washer/dryer, parking, great location	D	8	3	814 10th Street E	1600	200	200	H
3	1	414 12th Avenue West 620	207	3	Very nice apt, hard wood floors, garage, lawn care included	D	8	2.5	121 12th Avenue West	1680	210	210	H
3	1	915 Main Street E 620	207	3	Lower duplex w/ den, W/D hook-ups, front porch, parking	D	8	3	1421 South Broadway	1840	230	230	H
3	1	814 1/2 10th Street E 630	210	3	Upper duplex, recently remodeled, large rooms, very nice	D	10	3	1609 6th Street E	1600	160	160	H
3	1	147 1/2 Main Street #B 650	217	3	Nice rooms & closets, includes WSG, laundry in building	A	12	4	115 17th Avenue West	2550	213	213	H
3	1	321 13th Avenue West 650	217	3	Super location, washer/dryer, off-street parking, nice yard	D	15	6	2006 5th Street E	3350	223	223	H
3	1	1415 1/2 4th Street West 660	220	3	Nice apartment, new flooring, washer/dryer, garage	D							
3	1	802 6th Avenue #4 660	220	3	Nice apt, private entrance, includes utilities & parking	A							
3	1	1503 7th Street E 660	220	3	Nice, lower duplex, hardwood floors, new siding, parking	D							
3	1	1312 6th Street E 725	242	3	Nice house, porch, big back yard, parking, close to campus	H							
3	2	421 13th Avenue West 825	275	3	Nice house, large rooms, parking & lawn care included	H							
3	1.5	1110 7th Street E 900	300	1.5	Nice, spacious & well-maintained, washer/dryer & garage	H							

Type Code: SR=sleeping room; A=apartment (usually downtown); H=house; D=duplex; a number shows how many units in building larger than a duplex;
WSG+HW inc.=water/sewer/garbage and hot water in base rent price; w/d=washer/dryer; E/U = Entire Unit; P/P = Per Person

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Amanda Duncan | Unplugged

Andrew Vogl
Entertainment Editor

On Thursday, Oct. 21, Menomonie will meet New Jersey songstress Amanda Duncan, a fresh new spice to add to the colorful palate of the Midwest scene. Her feel-good melodies and acoustic styling harken back the good ol' days of the 40s and 50s, when music evoked a certain level of honest happiness that has become harder to find in modern pop. She will be stopping here as a part of her extensive Midwest/Mid-Atlantic college campus tour that lasts until March 2011 and includes more than 40 performances.

"I've been wanting to do a full-out college tour for years, and finally this year I reached that goal," said Duncan. "It's been cool getting to see the country and getting to see different areas that I've never been to before. I never imagined that I would ever say, 'Hey, I just passed Fargo!'"

Originally a student of sign language interpretation, Duncan instead honed her skills as a songwriter and upon graduating began to perform more frequently and gained recognition and positive reactions from audiences.

"It wasn't something where I said, 'I want to be a singer/songwriter when I grow up,'" said Duncan. "I wasn't always so die-hard about it; I just kind of stumbled upon it."

Duncan jumped headfirst into the music industry doing much of her own graphic design work and promotions and even engineered half of her record, "Love I Have for You."

"I've come to find that when you have to rely on somebody else, you end up waiting and waiting for the final product," she said. "I'm the kind of person that still wants a professional product, but often other people don't share the same visions. For me, I know what things are supposed to sound like and what things are supposed to look like, so I've really dove into the graphic design and engineering part."

For listeners who are looking for more than just a cookie-cutter, run-of-the-mill performance by another singer/songwriter, Amanda Duncan is a breath of fresh air. Her live shows are meant to be more than the mere presentation of her songs to an audience, but rather a memorable experience that incorporates interpersonal communication and an exploration of one's self through music.

"My main goal is to really just make people feel happy," said Duncan. "I'm not really trying to make this breakthrough message. I mean, I do want people to become better people, but I don't think I can do that via my lyrics. But I feel like I can do that by talking to people after the show and inspiring them to follow their goals and dreams."

During a show, I want to see smiling faces. I want people to have a good time and just feel good."

Now that Duncan has reached her long-time goal of being able to tour broadly, she has found herself in limbo with regard to her future goals.

"I was thinking that this was going to be good enough," said Duncan. "Now I am where I am and I have to make sure I can move with the times. I really have no idea what's going to happen after this, but I want to maybe start using TV and film to get myself out there for a larger audience to hear."

If you are looking for a fresh, original sound and you are into having fun, come and check out Amanda Duncan on Oct. 21 at 8 p.m. The concert is presented by Blue Devil Productions.

For more information on Amanda Duncan, visit www.amandaduncan.com or look her up on Facebook or MySpace.

"If you can't stand the heat then get out of the kitchen, cause this girl's about to raise the flame."

-Amanda Duncan



Charles Pranio/Contributed Photos

Thursday, Oct. 21

The Underground 8 p.m.

Admission: Free!

The Stoop Singers | Kickin' it old school. REAL old school.

Andrew Vogl
Entertainment Editor

Out of the many eclectic sounds coming out of the Chippewa Valley recently, none I have heard are quite as intriguing as the old-timey Appalachian folk tunes from the Eau Claire duo, the Stoop Singers. When I say "old-timey," I mean it quite literally. Most of the roots of the old-time genre are from before the times of recorded music, when melodies were passed down from generation to generation manually like the epics of ancient Greece. Think Civil War era jam sessions, a circle of bearded gentlemen strumming banjos, guitars and mandolins for an indefinite period of time.

"It's really honest music," said Shane Leonard, who represents the Y chromosome of the duo. "It's all about community, getting together with people, relating to each other and creating music together. Ever since we found out about old-time music, we haven't wanted to play anything else as far as folk music is concerned."

Stylistically, old-time music involves many of the same instruments as its more modern cousin, bluegrass. However, old-time music is stripped of any sort of egotistical flashiness and focuses more on the communal harmonies found in genuine human connections.

"No one really takes any solos in old-time music," said Leonard. "The tunes are really repetitive, almost sort of like a mantra. Bluegrass happened in the 40s when people wanted to start making more money off of old-time folk music. People wanted to make radio and television shows so they dressed it up and started wearing fancy outfits and tried to make it a more popular, marketable medium."

In addition to performing for standard audiences, the Stoop Singers also host communal jam sessions and perform for hire at square dances, weddings, parties, etc.

"We were down in Austin, Texas visiting some friends and just happened to go to a concert dance, which is a similar concept as

square dancing," said Jessi Lee McIntosh, the other half of the Stoop Singers' twosome. "We talked to the musicians afterwards and they cued us in about the finer points of concert dances, which we took and brought back up here."

Although you may think the old-time sounds of the Stoop Singers are reserved for old-timers, you may be surprised how accessible the music is for younger generations as well.

"We definitely have a lot of both [old and young people]," said McIntosh. "That's what is really great about the music; people of all ages really get into it. There's something about the music that when it's played live, it has this energy that draws people to it. It's really danceable music that makes people happy."

Aside from playing live shows around the Chippewa Valley, the Stoop Singers are also working on releasing their first record. Nevertheless, they are more concerned with just enjoying where they are and keeping old-time music alive.

"Our main goal is to just share the music with people," said McIntosh. "We just really love the music and try to play as much as we can."

Don't miss the Stoop Singers when they come to The Acoustic Café on Friday, Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m. Check out free streaming tracks on the Stoop Singers' MySpace page:
www.myspace.com/stoopsingers.

Friday, Oct. 15th

The Acoustic Cafe 7:30 p.m.

Admission : Free



The Stoop Singers/Contributed Photos

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Upcoming Events:

Three Pill Morning

Thursday, Oct. 7 @ 8 p.m.
in the Underground. FREE

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Thursday, Oct. 7 @ 7:30
p.m. at the Mabel Tainter
Center for the Arts
\$10 students/seniors
\$12 adults

Back to the Future

Movie
Monday, Oct. 11 @
7 p.m. in the Great
Hall

Colin Kane

Comedian
Wednesday, Oct. 13 @ 8
p.m. in the Great Hall. FREE

Mike E. Winfield

Comedian
Friday, Oct. 15 @ 8 p.m. in
the Great Hall. FREE

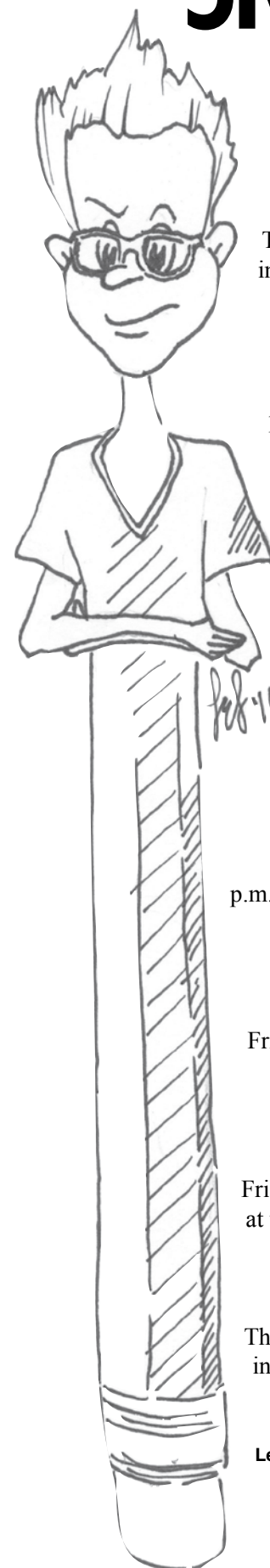
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UW-Stout Professor Publishes Design Book

Roseanne Meier
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Meet Maureen Mitton, an educator at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, designer and author of a recently published book titled, "Portfolios for Interior Designers." Published at the end of September, this 224 page book is a step-by-step guide to portfolio development for interior designers. Mitton said that writing the book was "a really fun puzzle."

Mitton got her start in the field designing restaurants and continued working as an interior designer for 10 years. She then made the move to the Midwest to live with her husband and to teach full time.

Mitton struggled to find a book containing the knowledge she wanted to teach to her students. Not afraid of hard work, Mitton took on the challenge of writing her first book. With an adequate set of writing skills from college and confidence from her years of experience, Mitton's first book was published in 1999, titled "Interior Design Visual Presentation: A Guide to Graphics, Models and Presentation Techniques."

The inspiration for "Portfolios for Interior Designers" came from her first book. It contained a chapter titled "Portfolios and Resumes" that skimmed the surface of creating a portfolio. She decided to separate the chapter, do further research and create an entire book on the subject. Mitton's book is important to design students, because it is nearly impossible to land a job without a good portfolio.

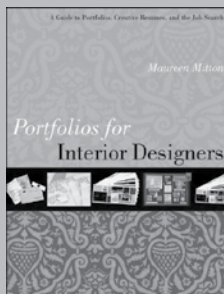
"The first chapter is just calming people down to have a plan," Mitton explained. "The book is meant to ease the reader into the process step-by-step. It contains many illustrations that readers will find easy to learn from."

Mitton dedicates a lot of time to writing her books. The demands of being a professor forced Mitton to work on her writing during the summer months and winter break.

"The last two weeks before submission to the publisher are a head-trip trying to polish up the final details," Mitton said. "It's the same kind of feeling a student has when they turn in a big project when a lot of dedication and work goes towards it."

Mitton shows just how passionate she is about her work when she mentions that writing books and teaching is an important combination that she could not see her life without. Mitton says she enjoys teaching at UW-Stout because she truly enjoys her students and great colleagues in her department.

You can find Maureen Mitton's new book, "Portfolios for Interior Designers" on Amazon.com. Her other publications can be found on the shelves in the UW-Stout library.



Rosie's redbox REVIEW

The Killer Inside Me

Rating: ★★★★★

Roseanne Meier
Staff Writer

Just when you think you are finally desensitized to violence, the film industry throws "The Killer Inside Me" at you, a film that will have you questioning your ability to handle gore.

Directed by Michael Winterbottom, this drama and mystery flick, based on the novel by Jim Thompson, focuses on Lou (Casey Affleck), a man of the law from rural Texas who deceives viewers with his soft-spoken, Southern gentleman-like style. As the story progresses, you are slapped in the face with reality: Lou is a sociopathic woman-beater who will kill to cover his tracks.

When Lou is ordered to chase out a prostitute, Joyce Lakeland (Jessica Alba), from the area, sexual violence explodes between the two, revealing a sick fetish from the past. Lou makes routine visits to Joyce, falling



deeply for her. As the couple develops a plan to keep Joyce from relocating, it backfires on her. Lou's evil character is revealed in a shocking scene as he brutally beats Joyce. Lou's violent scenes are explicitly detailed and endless. Just when you think the film will cut to the next scene, Lou takes another strike. Then another.

An additional victim of Lou's evil demeanor is his long-time girlfriend, Amy Stanton (Kate Hudson). Although suspicious of Lou's fidelity, Amy stays by his side, which costs her greatly in the end.

Even though the film is almost unbearable to watch, the sadistic sex scenes and emotional beatings are the power source of this film. Without them, you would mentally zone out. Think 8 a.m. Friday class; you will find yourself making one more batch of popcorn and grabbing yet another beverage from the fridge in your attempt to keep up with the plot.

Credit is due to the performances given by the lead actor and actresses. It is all too easy to feel hatred against Lou and sympathize with the people he takes advantage of.

"The Killer Inside Me" will leave you asking a number of questions, like if you should have maybe rented "Iron Man 2" instead.

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Conor Merrigan sports his Hollyhoodz threads.

Andrew Vogl

Entertainment Editor

Hollyhoodz, a fashion company started out of a basement in the Twin Cities by an ambitious blurry face with an indistinguishable voice and University of Wisconsin-Stout student Conor Merrigan, is making waves in the local fashion scene.

Hollyhoodz is not your typical fashion line. Its aim is not to turn you into a walking billboard for the brand, but rather to create interesting, creative designs that you may actually want to wear.

"We wanted to make a brand that people would want to wear instead of brands that are out there that just have their clothing line wrapped all

around their T-shirts," said the founder and printer of Hollyhoodz gear, who requested to remain anonymous and from here on out will be referred to as "Mr. Fresh." "We wanted something that had no real logos on it but had something unique and different, like someone else's face."

Someone else's face? Hollyhoodz began its line by screen-printing half-tone renditions of

popular faces, mainly Hollywood actors and actresses of yesteryear. Marilyn Monroe, Audrey Hepburn and James Dean were among the first to be pasted to the side of the Hollyhoodz, giving the eerie impression that they were staring at you from afar.

"I had to figure out a whole new way to screen-print faces on the side of a hood so that it didn't look like a cartoon drawing," said Fresh. "I basically had to throw all the rules of screen-printing out and develop a new way of doing it."

Now, Hollyhoodz has expanded to include the faces of Michael C. Hall of "Dexter" fame, Minnesota Twins catcher Joe Mauer, Notorious B.I.G., Chuck Norris and many more, including my personal favorite, Darth

Vader. They also feature a variety of cleverly designed T-shirts and crew necks, which mainly showcase a love for Minnesota and distaste for the Chicago White Sox. And although the business is still young, Hollyhoodz has already managed to get its threads on the backs of stars like Twin City hip-hop sensation Brother Ali, professional skateboarder Bam Margera and Olympic snowboarder Shaun White.

"It has turned into a word-of-mouth campaign," said Conor Merrigan, a graphic design major here at UW-Stout and the brains behind many of Hollyhoodz' designs. "It's the idea of us rockin' [our clothes] and other people

seeing we like it, and then they like it and get interested. The most powerful advertising is word-of-mouth."

And it has indeed been powerful. With nearly 7,000 "likes" on Facebook, a solid Twitter following and an invitation to promote their brand at the 2011 NBA All Star game, word has traveled fast. But despite its growing success, Hollyhoodz remains a small, independent label run out of a basement in the Twin Cities, where all the gear is screen-printed by hand, one order at a time.

To further promote the name and increase its following here at UW-Stout, Hollyhoodz is sponsoring a dance party featuring DJ Pete at Badabing'z on Friday, Oct. 8 at 10 p.m. Drink specials include \$5 all-you-can-drink beer wristbands and \$1 rails. Obviously, you must 21 or older to attend.

"We're starting these monthly parties at Badaz," said Merrigan. "[Badabing'z] asked us to be a part of it so we slapped the Hollyhoodz name on it and decided to try and make it a monthly party so kids have something to look forward to. It's basically going to be a crazy, big-ass, hip-hop drunk show."

Hollyhoodz will also be selling gear and handing out coupon codes during the bash, possibly even giving away free shirts to lucky partygoers. If you cannot make it to the party or you are not of age, you can still check out Hollyhoodz on Facebook and Twitter, or peep the official website at www.hollyhoodz.com.



Twin City rapper PROF rocks a Pee-wee Herman Hollyhoodz hoodie in his video for the song "Animal." Check it out on YouTube!

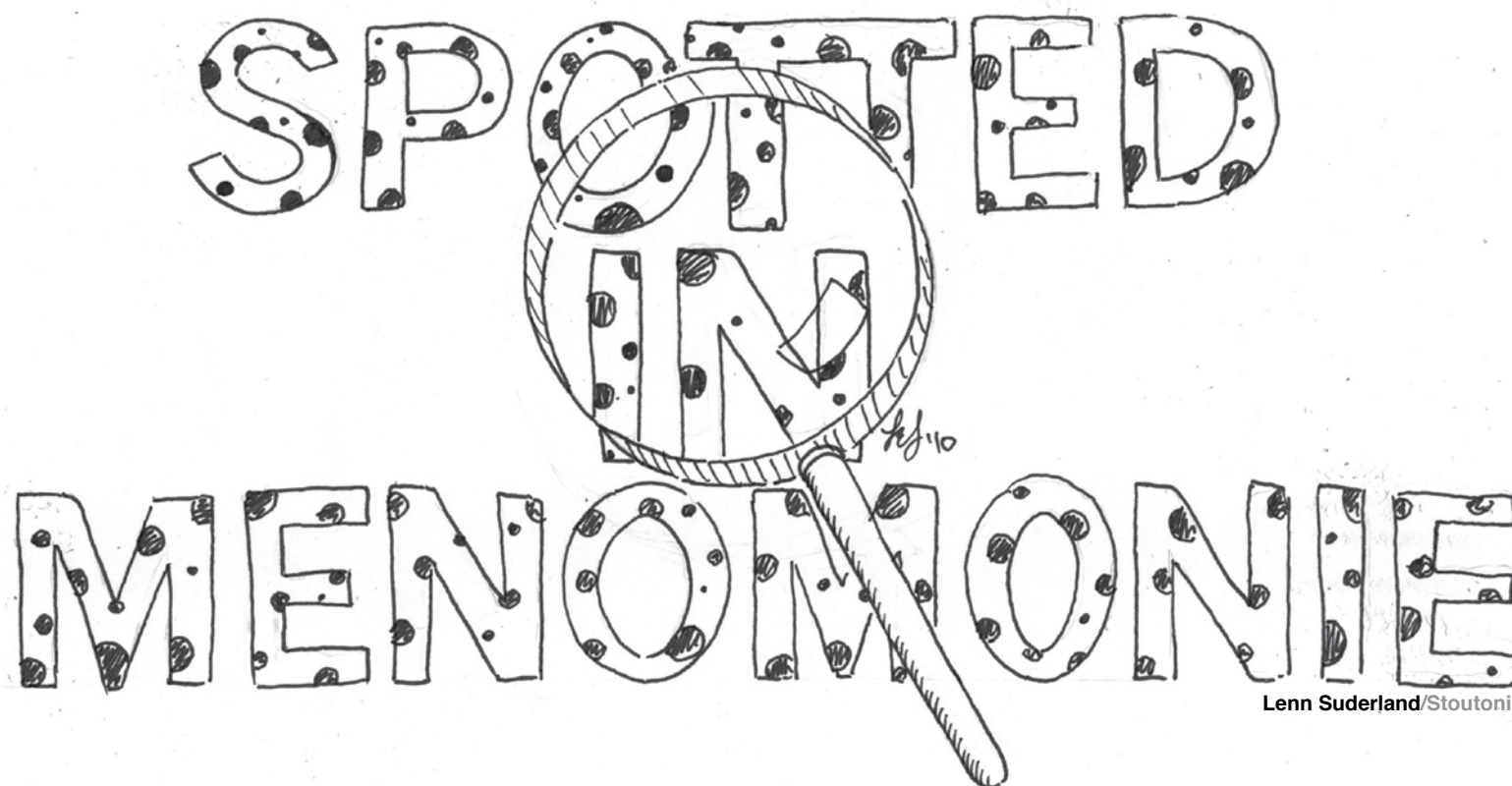


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Family Video celebrated its grand opening with wacky waving inflatable arm flailing tube men! The new business opened after the closing of Mr. Movies and the removal of the Redbox next door at Lammer's Food Fest.

The tennis team lags behind...

By Morgan Pfaller
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Oct. 2, the University of Wisconsin-Stout's women's tennis team traveled to Decorah, Iowa and lost 7-2 to Central College early in the day. Afterwards, they trailed host Luther College, 5-0, when the four top single matches were called off due to darkness.

Allie Hinman, a senior from Lino Lakes, Minn., won at both No. 1 singles and, together with Abby Werwie, at No. 1 doubles against Central to get UW-Stout's only win. Hinman defeated Sara Dale, 6-3, 6-3. Hinman and Werwie defeated Dale and Stephanie Gibbons, 8-3, at No. 5 singles. Sammie Swanson, a freshman from Eau Claire, Wis. lost to Carissa Bane, 5-7, 6-4, 10-7. Swanson teamed up with Samantha Kletscher, another freshman from Brainerd, Minn. Together, they lost to Emily Swartz and Kayla Donner, 9-7, at No. 2 doubles.

On Sept. 29, the team traveled to the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Werwie was able to pick up a singles win and partnered with Hinman for a doubles win as the UW-Stout was defeated at UW-River Falls on Wednesday. Werwie won at No. 2 singles with a 6-3, win over Amanda Drangaid.

Kletscher was UW-Stout's other win that night, coming back for a 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 win over Amy Johnson at No. 3 singles. Stephanie Schick, a junior from Altoona, Wis. lost a 7-5, 1-6, 7-5, decision at No.4 singles to Cassie Swenson.

From Sep. 24-26 the team participated at the United States Tennis Association/International Tennis Associations Midwest Women's Regional at Gustavus Adolphus in St. Peter, Minn. On Sept. 25 Hinman lost in straight sets to top-seeded Hannah Jensen of Coe College, 6-2, 6-4. In the consolation singles round, Werwie defeated Michelle Zwicky of Marian, 6-2, 6-1, before ending her tournament play with an 8-6 loss to Sarah Thappa of Carleton College.

In doubles competition, Hinman and Werwie defeated fifth-seeded Bailey Edwards and Becca Snyder of St. Mary's University 8-4, in the third round before losing to second-seeded Sam Frank and Maria Ryan of Gustavus Adolphus, 8-3, in the fourth round.

At the Fall Invitational, which ran in conjunction with the ITA Midwest Regional, Stephanie Schick won her first round match in both singles and doubles. In singles, Schick defeated Kristen Boone of Edgewood College, 8-1, then lost to Kelly Foster of University of Wisconsin-

Whitewater, 8-4. Schick partnered with Callie Mikolajczyk, a sophomore from Caledonia Wis., to win their first round by default, then bowed out against Amber Hemp and Jessi Ditzler of Edgewood College, 8-4. Mikolajczyk lost her first round singles match, 8-0, to Megan Buysee of St. Catherine University.

Katie Sorenson, a sophomore from Neenah Wis., lost her first-round singles match to Jessica Vitale, 8-0. Sorenson and her doubles partner, Sammie Swanson, a freshman from Eau Claire, lost their first round match, 8-3, to Leanna Jenkins and Claire Evans of Wartburg College.

On Sept. 24, Allie Hinman won her first two singles matches at the Women's Regional on Friday. Playing the top half of the bracket, Hinman opened with a tough 5-7, 6-2, 7-5 win over Elise Allen of Luther College. She then won the second round with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Julie Bandeweper of Gustavus Adolphus University.

Hinman and Werwie won their first two matches at doubles, defeating fourth-seeded Michelle Schuhpac and Tai Lucero of Coe College, 8-5, in their opening match, then defeating Beth Larson and Jennifer Roesch of Lawrence University, 8-6, in the second round. Werwie dropped her opening singles match, 6-2, 6-3, to Fran Fairfield of Luther College.

Hinman had great things to say about her success at the tournament, "The ITA tournament brings together the best players in the region, and overall I had a successful tournament. I made it to the third round of the singles draw for the third year in a row," Hinman said, "To make it all the way to the semifinals of the doubles draw was something unexpected for me and a huge accomplishment!"

Allie's doubles partner, Werwie, had some great things to say about their doubles match. "My doubles partner, Allie Hinman and I made it to the semifinals. We beat two-seeded teams, and this was a very big deal," said Werwie. "Coming out of this tournament showed that Allie and I are a part of the top four doubles teams in the region. This was a great accomplishment."

The UW-Stout's top doubles team Hinman and Werwie were selected as the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) doubles team of the week after advancing to the semi-final match at the USTA/ITA Midwest Regional.

The Blue Devils will host the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh on Saturday, Oct. 9, at 10 a.m.

Blue Devils annihilate River Falls

By Lauryn Seering
Sports Editor

On Saturday Oct. 2, the University of Wisconsin-Stout's football team shut the door on the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Falcons, 24-7, just when it looked like the Falcons would be getting back into the game. Hundreds of fans fought against the blistering winds to watch the Falcons homecoming game.

The first quarter started off without a score, but UW-Stout soon took advantage of a bad UW-River Falls snap on a punt, and took them over on the 29-yard line. Quarterback Ross Carey, a junior from Little Suamico, Wis., connected with tight end Patrick Mengelkoch.

"Ross has been a great leader for our team," said Clayt Birmingham, the newly appointed head coach for the team. "Ross was voted captain as a junior, so that tells you how mature and respected a young man is. He does a great job preparing himself, being consistently productive and simply being the calm, cool, competitor you look for in a QB."

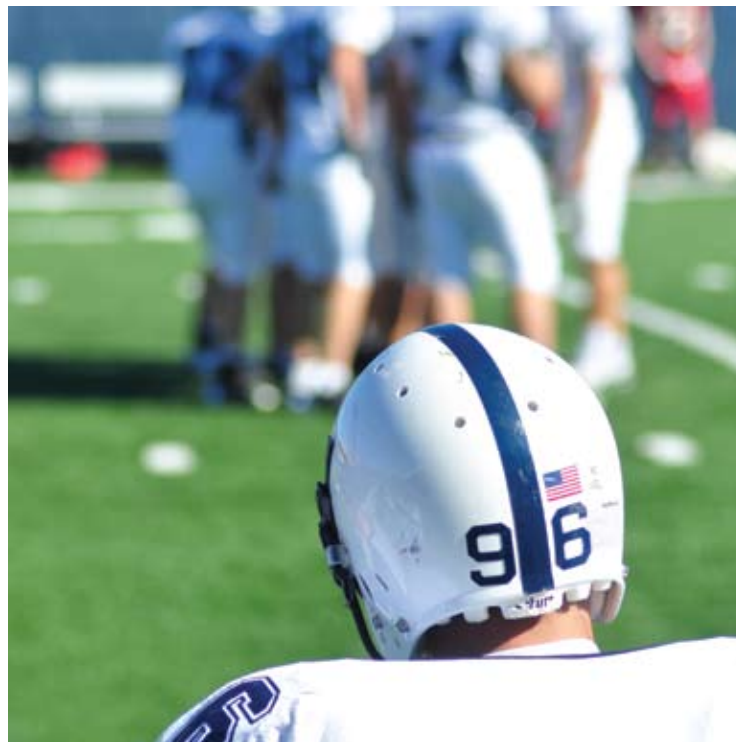
The Falcons got on board in the third quarter, going 82 yards in 13 plays. "We have a lot of respect for the UW-River Falls and their coaching staff," Birmingham said, "We have had their number the last few years, but the wins don't come easy."

Coach Birmingham is referring to the fact that the Falcons have not won against the Blue Devils

in over four seasons. This is because UW-Stout is always quick to answer when it comes to plays, and currently rank second in the WIAC total defense, allowing a measly 12.7 points per game.

Despite the toughness of the Blue Devils defense, Falcons tailback Taylor Edward carried the ball 16 yards for their first score. A key play in the drive was passed to Kyle Wilson, a senior from Eagan, Minn. to put the ball on the Falcons' 5-yard line.

The Falcons threatened on the ensuing drive, but Edwards was stripped of the ball by linebacker Trevor Fiege. Nick Bocik, a senior from Appleton, Wis., recovered the ball. Edwards led the



Joe Howell / Stoutonia
Ryan Ericksen watches his teammates from the sidelines.

rushers for the Falcons, with 105 yards and 27 carries, but UW-River Falls was held to 239 total yards: 130 rushing and 109 passing.

"All three phases of offense, defense and special teams are improving each week, and that is all you look for as a coach," Birmingham said. "However, after, we watched film of the game, we have a lot of work to do yet."

The game ended with Carey being one of the top players that day, having completed 14-of-22 passes for 189 yards. His touchdown to Mengelkoch was the highlight of the game. UW-Stout finished the game with 369 total yards, 189 in the air, and 180 on the ground. It was a game that unfortunately reminded the Falcons of their losing streak, but for the Blue Devils, it was a good night.

"After a win, we enjoy it for the rest of the weekend," Birmingham said. "Then when Monday comes around, we watch the film, put the game behind us, and start preparing for our next opponent."

"The nice thing about sports is that you don't have much time to celebrate victories or worry about losses," Birmingham said, "You must move on quickly and get ready for the next opponent." UW-Stout will play against its "next opponent" on Saturday, Oct. 9. The Blue Devils will be traveling to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater to face the top-ranked and defending national champion Warhawks at a 3 p.m. kickoff.

Volleyball team: a young group

By Andy Liddell
Staff Writer

Outside of room 211 in the Johnson Fieldhouse is a sign that reads, "You can have all the talent in the world, but that won't get you anywhere without your teammates."

Teamwork is one of the key fundamentals in volleyball, and no one knows this better than the University of Wisconsin-Stout's women's volleyball coach, Jill Jolliff.

The girls' team played against University of Wisconsin-Whitewater on Oct. 1 and lost the first two sets but managed to pull out a win before losing 3-1.

In their latest game on Oct. 2 against University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, the girls scored at least 10 points per set, but lost 3-0.

Jolliff, who is in her 18th year of coaching volleyball here at UW-Stout, said that the girls played competitively against Oshkosh and Whitewater but that they are still building themselves up as a team.

"We're a little on the young side," said

Jolliff when asked about the team. Of the 15 girls that make up the team, five of them are freshmen this year.

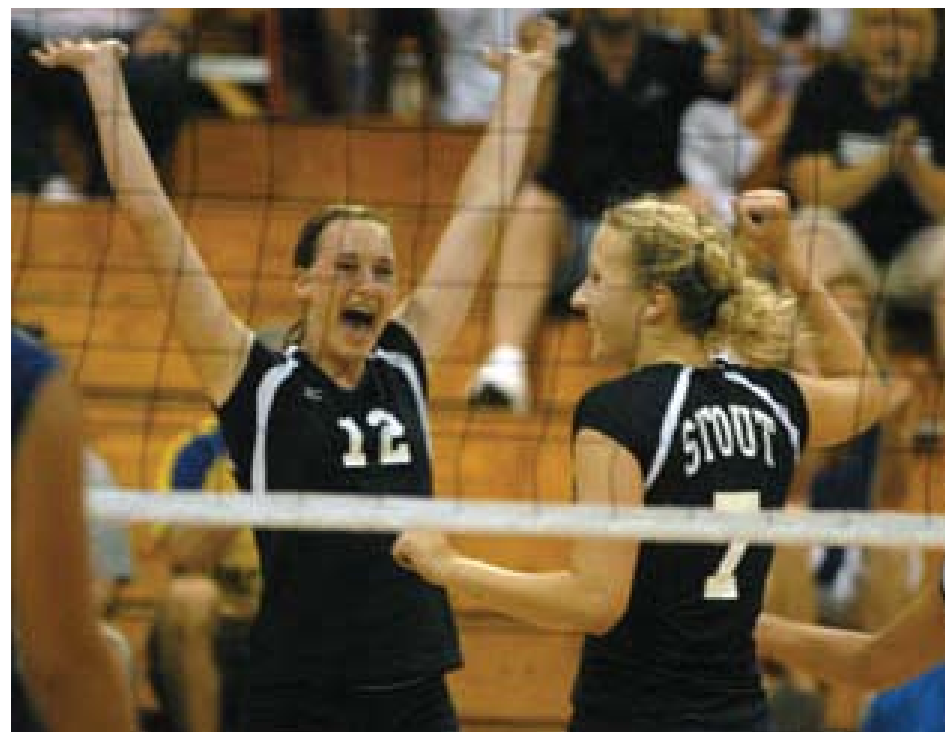
Jolliff says that practices consist of the girls setting individual goals for themselves and progressively getting better step by step to increase the amount of points that they score on the other team.

"Typically, we do team goals and personal goals and always stress that they be reachable," said senior Stephanie Nichols when asked about what the team is doing as a whole to improve.

"We're working on becoming more consistent," Jolliff said. "We practice to be the first to five or ten points. We're just getting progressively better."

In the end, Jolliff says that it is not about winning but about giving individual students resources for life lessons.

Stout will head to Superior where they will face the University of Wisconsin-Superior and Finlandia University in a pair of non-conference contests on Friday, Oct. 8.



Kate Mikutowski and Hope Weilage are pumped!

Layne Pitt / Sports Information Director

Playing the Wigglesworth

By Andy Liddell
Staff Writer

When most of us think fall, the last thing we think about is green, but for golfers it is all about the greens. Fall, for them, means heading out to the course and enjoying the crisp days of practice before the season is over.

I was surprised to find that the entire golf season for both the men's and women's University of Wisconsin-Stout golf teams lasts only from the first week in September to the second week in October.

"We're used to it; it's a little short," said sophomore Rebecca Eggers.

Eggers shot a personal best, 77 (+4), at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Mad Dawg Invitational on Sunday, Oct. 3, and also tied for second place. The team, as a whole, placed fourth at the Invitational with a combined score of 716.

"Technically, I did win the tie-breaker, so I did get the second place trophy," Eggers said with a

laugh. "I have the trophy at home."

Eggers says that while almost all the girls have broken 80 on the team, she would really like to see a bit more consistency when it comes to playing in competitions. She even admits to days when she would shoot in the high 80s or low 90s.

"Sometimes nerves or competitive jitters make us feel on edge.

Sometimes you play with bubbly girls and others won't even speak to you at all," said Eggers.

When asked about ideal golf conditions, Eggers said that mid-sixties are perfect and recalled the final match of last season when the weather dipped to the low forties and was windy and cold.

She hopes that the weather will remain warm until after the upcoming conference match, which is just under a week away.



Photo by Layne Pitt / Sports Information Director.

A Blue Devil Golfer checking the distance between the ball and the tee.

Awards for athletes

By Andy Liddell
Staff Writer

Training to become faster or stronger is part of any athletic program. In some instances, however, a combination of brains and brawn are what really set regular athletes apart from extraordinary athletes. Well-rounded students are what the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) are all about, and the University of Wisconsin-Stout's women's track and field teams, as well as six individuals, were honored for their academic achievements.

To qualify for this honor the six individual students, Sam Mayer, Jodi Larson, Ashlea Peter, Andrew Berlin, Daniel Drewk and Sean Larson, had to get a cumulative grade point average of 3.30 and meet the qualifying standard for their NCAA Division III event.

Sean Larson, the current record holder for both the Discus and Hammer events here

at UW-Stout, recalled his record-breaking season where he threw 174-10 in Discus and 201-3 for Hammer.

"You train to peak around the championships, and everything came together like it should," Larson said.

Larson says that he simply went into his competitions planning to do his best, and that two days before his record-breaking hammer throw he was throwing consistently better than average.

"The whole season I was really more focused on hammer because I felt that I had a better chance of doing well in that event," Larson said, claiming that it was not until later on in the season that his discus throws began to see significant improvement.

Larson graduated this spring from UW-Stout and is currently a graduate student attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

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Baseball team's golf tournament a success

By Jodi Larson
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout baseball team hosted its third annual baseball golf outing this past Saturday Oct. 2 at Whitetail Golf Club just south of Colfax, Wis. The Whitetail Golf Club features 18 and a half holes carved into the countryside of northwest Wisconsin. The course offers challenging and accessible rounds of golf and is known for its well-manicured grounds and greens.

Participants of the event were able to enjoy 18 holes of golf and a dinner buffet, followed by prizes and games, all for around \$65. All proceeds from the outing went to the UW-Stout baseball team. The money earned from the event gives the baseball team a chance to participate in a 10-game road trip to Arizona over spring break.

This year, the fundraiser welcomed around 118 participants, which included family, friends and local business owners. Teams were organized throughout the day competing for prizes and a chance to be the top team and be entered in next year's baseball golf outing for free. Prizes ranged

from clothing, golf accessories, blankets, gift cards and more. Some of the events of the day included: two longest drive contests, longest putt, closest ball to the pin and the best metal bat tee shot.

This is the baseball team's major fundraiser for the fall, and according to assistant coach Ryan Levendoski, "It was a huge success. The event has been growing every year. The weather really helped the overall turn out as well. Since 2008, the baseball golf outing has grown from 70 participants to 118 and is expected to grow every year."

As the years have passed, the baseball team has tried to make the golf outing a better experience for the participants. Nate Hansen, a senior in business administration and current pitching assistant coach, said, "Many baseball Stout alumni have come back and seen a definite change in the way [the team] is run. There is a lot more emphasis on raising money for the baseball team and players won't need to spend as much money out-of-pocket for their trips. The baseball team is able to take care of that through the fundraising."

Not only does the golf outing significantly help the players financially, it also is a great way to get to know the players on a more personal level. It allows fans and supporters

of the baseball team to actually meet the players and know them on a one-on-one basis. It is a great opportunity for the players to get their parents, friends and family members together to socialize and know the players they are supporting.

"This is one of my favorite fundraisers," said Hansen. "People like it because it's fun and a good way to meet the team, coaches, and other players. It's not like you're going into a season watching your kid play and not knowing other players or coaches. This fundraiser is a good chance to get to know people outside of a baseball atmosphere. You get to know each others' backgrounds and where they are from and why they love baseball."

It's finding connections you have with players and other parents that you never knew you had. This event is a great way to socialize and meet people that you're going to be seeing at the ballparks in the spring."

It seems that this event helps connect the players to their fans and the people who really help support them. Not only do the players get to know their fans, but family and friends get a chance to get to know each other on a more personal level. Since it is fall practice now, this event is a great way to meet the players before the actual season

starts and the games begin.

Matt Guida, a sophomore in applied science and catcher for the team said, "This is one of the best fundraisers because everyone gets to golf with the team and gets to know the faces instead of just donating money. I like the aspect of getting to meet the people that are helping support the baseball team and me. It also helps to hear the coaches talk about how the team is doing and where people can help."

The team has many other opportunities to help support them throughout the year, including winter baseball camps and pitching camps. These camps not only hone the players, but allow for the team to get a little time off from school.

"Many people have loved the baseball golf outing and want to come back every year. They recommend to come out next year with their friends and family," said Guida.

If you love golf and love the UW-Stout baseball team, keep an eye out for this event next year, and be patient for baseball season to come next spring. Stay tuned to the Stoutonia for upcoming information.

Women's soccer wins big against Bethel

By Morgan Pfaller
Staff Writer

On Oct. 5 the women's soccer team traveled to St. Paul, Minn. to play Bethel College. The Blue Devils played great defense as they kept Bethel University from scoring the entire match. The University of Wisconsin-Stout's offense also managed to score five goals and secure a 5-0 win, an exciting feat for the soccer team.

Grace Salwasser, a junior from Cottage Grove, Minn., led UW-Stout's offensive attack with one goal and two assists. Salwasser also had an assist from a corner kick on the opening goal as Courtney Tideman, a junior from Sartell, Minn., scored in the 18th minute. Kaitlin Kalan, a senior from Owatonna, Minn., quickly doubled the score with a penalty kick in the 42nd minute of the game.

Salwasser scored again in the 50th minute following a corner kick and received her second assist of the afternoon, lending a pass to Jessica Price, a senior from Woodbury, Minn. Teammates Alix Hyduke and Whitney Soloman, both freshmen from Duluth, Minn., closed out the scoring in the last few minutes of the game, with Hyduke scoring the final goal. Amanda Matti, a freshman from Shoreview, Minn., went the distance in goal and earned her first complete shutout.

Matti, a new member of the team, says she

owes her success on the field to experience. "You have to work hard no matter where you are in life, and you have to go through it to really know how it feels to play the game with intensity," said Matti.

On Oct. 2 the women's soccer team traveled to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to take on the Pointers in a match that ended with a 3-0 loss for the Blue Devils. UW-Stout's Blue Devils kept the Pointers to only one goal in the first half. Unfortunately, the team quickly added a pair of goals in the second half to take a 3-0 win on Saturday's game.

Angela Gallow scored 20 minutes into the first half, and Mary Jean Cornelius added two goals in the second half to cinch a win for the Pointers, 10-0, 5-0. Matti lead the team with seven saves for UW-Stout, 4-6, 0-3, while Liz Hunter had a pair of saves for UW-Stevens Point. The momentum of the game turned out in UW-Stout's favor; unfortunately, the score did not.

"How we played the game could not be described on paper," said Matti. "As for the team, the soccer game was played at its best-wholeheartedly, and sometimes that is enough to get by."

UW-Stout will host the University of Wisconsin-Platteville on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 3 p.m. the team will then travel to St. Catherine on Sunday, Oct. 10.

Allie Hinman

This senior from Lino Lakes, Minn. is a dietetics major with a health and fitness minor. Hinman's dream job would be working in a health club so she could work with clients on improving both their nutrition and fitness status. Hinman says she joined the tennis team because she loved it in high school.



She describes playing for the Blue Devils as being "awesome and unforgettable." Hinman has been on top of her game recently, blowing past Central College in both singles and doubles.

"I have started to find my aggressive singles game again and that is when I play my best tennis," said Hinman. "In doubles my partner, Abby Werwie, and I have really started to click, play aggressively and become a very solid doubles team." Hinman believes that tennis will always be a big part of her life, and says she would love the opportunity to coach a team of her own.

Blue Devil SCORERBOARD



Blue Devil Football

The Blue Devils football team faced off against UW-River Falls at their homecoming game, defeating them with a staggering 24-7 win. The game started off scoreless until the second quarter when Quarterback Ross Carey connected with tight end Patrick Mengelkoch for a 13-yard touchdown. The Falcons managed to come back during the third quarter, going 82 yards during 13 plays. The Blue Devils defense was too strong, and UW-Stout finished with 369 total yards, 189 in the air and 180 on the ground.

Next game: UW-Stout will travel to UW-Whitewater on Saturday, Oct. 9 with a 3 p.m. kickoff.



Men's Golf

The Blue Devils golf team finished third in New Richmond, Wis. at the Wigglesworth Blugold Invitational. Rain that week forced the meet to be moved from the original spot in Eau Claire, Wis. Andy Smith, a senior from Grand Marais, Minn., jumped up 14 spots to finish seventh individually. Dan Nelson, a junior from Menomonie, finished in a tie for 10th. Adam Pogue tied with Ethan Schmitz in the individual round with 165.

Next Game: UW-Stout will be competing at the Gordin Classic in Greensboro, N.C. on Oct. 10-11.



Blue Devil Volleyball

Junior Grace Salwasser from Cottage Grove, Minn., led the offensive attack when the Blue Devils defeated Bethel University, 5-0, on Tuesday, Oct. 5. Courtney Tideman, a junior from Sartell, Minn., assisted a corner kick on the opening goal. Salwasser got her second assist soon after from Jessica Price, a senior from Woodbury, Minn. Amanda Matti, a freshman from Shoreview, Minn., earned her first shutout. She was part of a shared shutout earlier in the season in a 5-0 win over Northland College.

Next game: UW-Stout will host UW-Platteville on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 3 p.m., then will be at St. Catherine on Sunday, Oct. 10.



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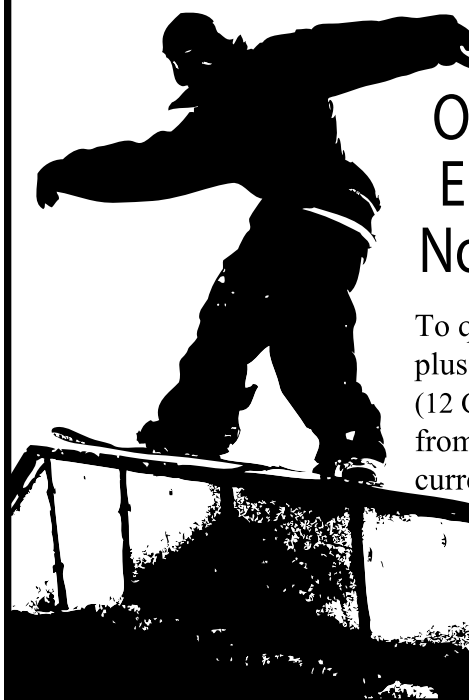
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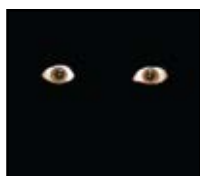
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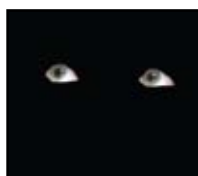
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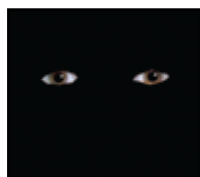
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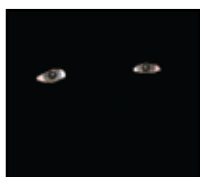
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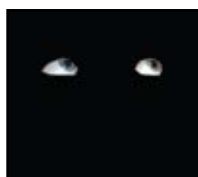
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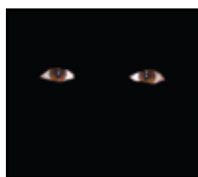
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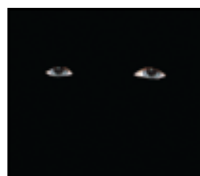
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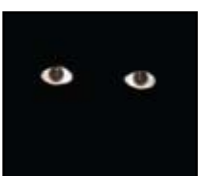
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Halloween is approaching. The leaves are changing and the air is getting a little more crisp. Next to this gourd you'll notice the red footprints that were displayed all around campus at just about the same time the weather started to change. Find out more about them on page 5.



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It's Always Sunny in Menomonie

Jerad Maplethorpe
News Editor

There is nothing quite like Homecoming Week in Menomonie. There is always an exciting mixture of students, alumni, visitors and the infamous police presence. We are drawn together in celebration, whether or not our team wins. For some students, however, Homecoming is more than just a party, it is a business opportunity.

You have probably noticed a very popular Homecoming theme: the T-shirts. This year, Aaron Brice and Tim Brunner, both students attending the University of Wisconsin-Stout for graphic communications management, were the creators of the popular "It's Always Sunny in Menomonie" T-shirts.

"Knowing that Homecoming is often the busiest time of year for apparel printers, we jumped right in and delivered a shirt that roughly 12 percent of the student body was into," said Brice.

"Tim and I began screen printing as freshmen in high school and, after meeting at Stout, have since been motivated to start Ambient Vision Inks, a screen printing and creative design business out of our garage studio here in Menomonie for the last year and a half," said Brice. He added that the initial idea for this year's shirts came from a friend of his while watching the TV show, "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia."

"After creating the design, I made an event on Facebook for promotion purposes with a mere 50 or so invites to my closest friends in the Menomonie area," said Brice. "Within a few hours of the event being online, it seemed as though every time I refreshed the page,

10 more people wanted the shirt. I thought it would level off at 200 orders or so; it was quite surreal to me. It began as just an idea for a clever Homecoming shirt for some friends."

For Brice and Brunner, the Homecoming shirts were essentially a side project. Ambient Vision Inks is also working on apparel for up-and-coming bands under the label Amble Down Records. In addition, the com-

pany is printing Volume One's entire apparel line for its storefront, which opens soon in Eau Claire, Wis.

"The demand for our services is beginning to exceed our production capacity, which has forced us to start thinking of expanding operations," said Brice. "We've looked at a few promising spots here in town, but are still on the hunt. Keep your eyes peeled for that."

Brice said the majority of the proceeds from the Homecoming shirts would go directly back into the company for expansion purposes.

"The success of our business is always on our mind, because 'when we're not inkin, we're thinkin about inkin'," said Brice referring to the company's slogan.

For more information, visit www.ambient-visioninks.com/blog.



Ambient Vision Inks sold just under 1,100 shirts for UW-Stout Homecoming.

Aaron Brice/Contributed photo

The North Campus Halloween Food Drive

Kids love Halloween, but the big day comes just once a year. Now, thanks to students at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, children will get a second chance to dress up, trick-or-treat and celebrate.

UW-Stout's north campus residence halls will host a trick-or-treat night for community children from 5:30-7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 27. Children are encouraged to wear costumes and visit Jeter-Tainter-Callahan, Fleming, Hovlid, Wigen and Red Cedar Halls for treats and fun.

The halls are on or near Broadway Street between 1st and 4th avenues.

UW-Stout students will be on hand in the main lobby of each building to greet and direct children and parents. The halls will feature games and activities, such as ghost fish-

ing and pumpkin bowling.

Student residents will offer a snack station, provide a cutout board for photos and hand out traditional candy treats and trinkets, such as pencils, crayons and temporary tattoos.

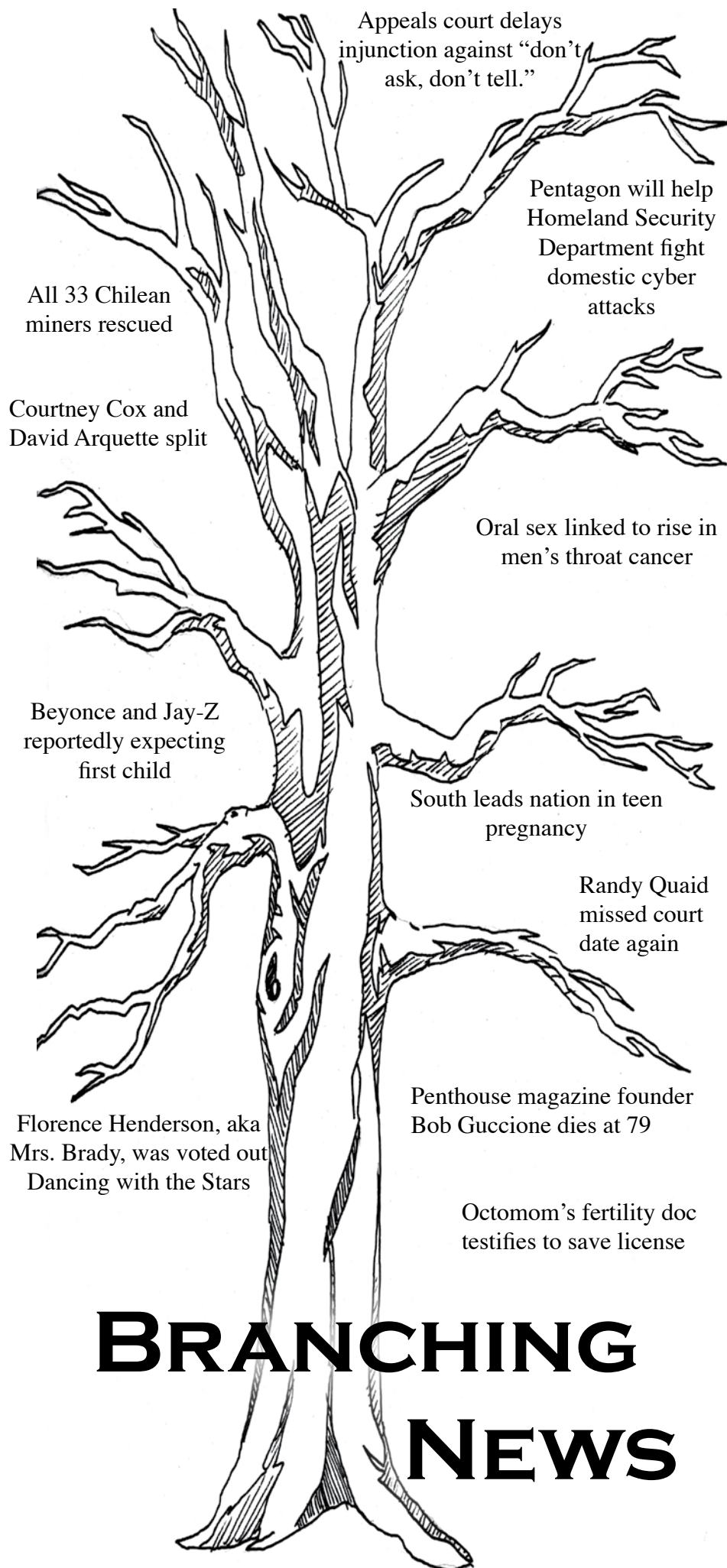
During the festivities, the halls also will hold a food drive to benefit Interfaith Food Pantry of Dunn County. Participants are encouraged to bring a canned food item to donate.

Parking is available in Lot 8, next to the Louis Smith Tainter House, 320 S. Broadway St., or on nearby city streets.

For more information, contact Shawn Wilson, residence hall official, at wilsonsh@uwstout.edu or 715-232-3284.



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On Oct. 5, the University of Wisconsin-Stout police department received a complaint about a missing UW-Stout ID card. It was later revealed that \$37.69 worth of vending machine merchandise had been purchased by whoever took the card. The card was missing for two days before it was cancelled. The only confusing thing is the 69 cents. How do you get an odd number of cents from a vending machine? Keep investigating campus police; there are some holes in this story.

~~Smooth~~ CRIMINALS

Tales of stupidity
from Menomonie

On Oct. 6, a complaint was made about damage to a vehicle in Lot 28. The owner of the vehicle claimed that an officer's body made contact with the vehicle while placing a ticket on the windshield, which caused damage to the fender. The owner of the vehicle threatened to file a claim for the damage if the parking ticket wasn't dropped. This is absolutely genius; never have I heard this type of claim against an officer. The only way this would be plausible is if there was an officer with really short arms weighing 400 pounds, who literally had to lean on the hood to put the ticket under the windshield wiper. Can't say that I've seen that particular officer.

On Oct. 15, two police officers were dispatched to the MSC building due to a report of someone juggling fire outside of the building. The officers checked the area but did not find the fire juggler. Even if they did find him or her, all the fire juggler deserved was a \$1 bill in a nearby hat; sounds like a great performance.

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The red foot of courage

Eric Thorson
Editor-in-chief

When a college student begins a class project, the main focus is usually on the final grade that he or she will earn, not the legal repercussions that will stem from it. The latter is exactly what is on the mind of sophomore Megan Wieczorek from Lakeville, Minn. is double majoring in studio arts and sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Last week, Wieczorek and her friends created nearly 300 red footprints leading in and out of campus buildings.

"The red paint symbolizes a contrast between people and nature," said Wieczorek. "I used feet around campus because they have a direct link back to the person; their feet made an impact on their surroundings."

"At Stout, there has been so much construction that students don't have much else to look at," said Wieczorek. "I wanted people to be able to follow something beautiful."

The project was done for her sculpture class. The administration, as well as the campus po-

lice, did not pre-approve the project. The initial punishment given to Wieczorek was a nine-month suspension as well as a \$2,000 fine.

"I was shocked," said Wieczorek. The fine was given to her for clean-up costs, although the paint she used was eco-friendly and will wash away naturally in a matter of weeks.

"I wanted those who walked for me to realize that their lives, even for a brief moment in time, make significant impacts," said Wieczorek. "The point of the project was for them to walk and then watch their marks slowly disappear."

The ruling on the nine-month suspension was later overturned. "I love Stout. I fought the suspension because I want to stay here," said Wieczorek.

The timing of this project was less than ideal. The footprints were still abundant shortly before the grand opening celebration of Jarvis Hall on Friday, Oct. 15, which included an appearance by Gov. Jim Doyle. The clean-up efforts to prepare for the event cost the university \$1,600. The footprints were viewed as an act of vandalism by administra-

tion rather than an artistic expression.

"She didn't go through the approval process that she needed to go through to get it approved as an art project," Communications Director Doug Mell told WCCO news.

Wieczorek has taken responsibility for her actions and will pay the fine, but not without a little help. A Facebook group called "Red Footprints for Awareness" was created by two graphic communication majors. Senior Sam Rabideau and junior Erik Haapakoski started it with the intention of selling decorative vinyl strips with red footprints on them to help Wieczorek pay her fine, as well as to expose people to the project and remind them to step away from what they are comfortable with and take risks despite the consequences. The strips are being sold for two dollars; one dollar will cover the production of the strips and the other will go toward helping to pay the fine.

"I'm lucky and grateful to have such great friends," said Wieczorek.

The footprints are starting to fade, just as she had intended. Her punishment, however, remains as vivid as ever.

The Couch-a-thon

Jessica Christiansen
Staff writer

On Thursday afternoon, Oct. 14, couches and tents invaded the University of Wisconsin-Stout south lawn, leaving many students wondering what was going on. The event is the "Couch-a-thon," and it takes place every year during the week of Homecoming.

The Couch-a-thon started about seven years ago when the theme for Homecoming was: "Choose Your Own Adventure," which made organizations competing for the Homecoming spirit award create an event for the week for everyone to compete in. The Stoutonia staff competed that year and came up with the idea of the Couch-a-thon. The rule they made was to have at least two people from each organization remain sitting on the couch at all times from 12 p.m. Thursday through 12 p.m. Friday.

"The first year the Couch-a-thon took place everyone hated it; everyone complained that they were cold and miserable," said Darrin Witucki, student director of the university centers. "The next year of Homecoming, we weren't going to continue the Couch-a-thon as an event for Homecoming activities, but, by surprise, everyone wanted to keep it because they realized they liked

spending the time together."

At the beginning of every Homecoming week, organizations need to sign up with Blue Devil Productions to compete in the Couch-a-thon. The idea of the Couch-a-thon is to gain points for your organization during Homecoming week. To gain points, ev-

eryone is required to decorate their couch or tent for judging on creativity while having two people on their organization roster on the couch at all times.

Everyone is also responsible for displaying appropriate behavior; organizations will be disqualified if there is evidence of alcohol or

drugs, generators or propane. If the temperature gets below 37 degrees, Blue Devil Productions will offer generators and will allow organizations to bring heating blankets so that everyone is able to still compete. The Couch-a-thon event goes on through rain or shine, but if lightening occurs, the judges will go around and check for safety hazards within tents.

"This is my favorite event of Homecoming. I like how we all cuddle up together and get some great bonding out of it," said Laurel Molin, who sat for five hours during the Couch-a-thon. Tents are not required for the Couch-a-thon but have been accepted due to the weather conditions in the past. However, a new rule was enforced this year. No organization could put stakes in the ground with the tents due to a pipe being hit by someone's stake last year. If an organization wanted a tent, it would have to find a different way to hold it up.

"I really feel that this is the one event that everyone attends," said Emily Ascher, the Campus Activity Coordinator. "Unlike the other homecoming events of the week, everyone uses this time to bond."

During the last hour of the Couch-a-thon, Stout Student Association (SSA) President Sawyer Lubke was the last to judge. To see the final standings of the Couch-a-thon and other Homecoming events, log onto bdp.uwstout.edu.



UW-Stout student organizations gather for the annual Couch-a-thon.

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What is C-NERVE?

Jerad Maplethorpe
News editor

The following is an interview conducted with Desiree Budd, the program director of C-NERVE.

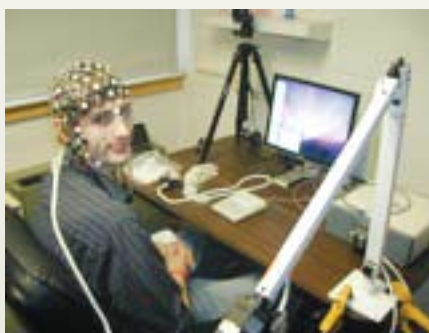
How would you describe C-NERVE and what does the program do?

C-NERVE is a National Science Foundation (NSF) sponsored, immersive undergraduate research program at the University of Wisconsin-Stout focused on cognitive, affective and social neuroscience. Students who participate in C-NERVE are provided with unique hands-on experiences designed to facilitate careers in basic or applied sciences related to neuroscience. The current UW-Stout C-NERVE learning community consists of faculty from five different departments and over 30 undergraduate students.

How are C-NERVE students involved in the research?

C-NERVE students serve as research assistants in several different research labs on a rotating basis, including a Stress and Arousal Lab, a Memory

and Reasoning Lab, a Social Experimental Lab and a Massage and Meditation Lab. In these labs, students are trained to measure muscle activity, eye movements, perspiration, heart rate and small electrical field changes in brain waves. The students then work with a research team to design studies that use these measurements to draw conclusions about how people carry out cognitive tasks, such as perception and problem solving.



Courtesy of the UW-Stout website

UW-Stout student hooked up to EEG.

C-NERVE students also take part in additional activities designed to integrate them into a cohesive learning community and social network. These include things like research presentations, field trips, social activities such as potlucks, picnics and movie nights, outreach activities and career mentoring.

What type of research projects is C-NERVE conducting?

Each of the specified labs carries out at least one research project during the year. Some may carry out multiple research projects. The data collected for most of these projects includes a measurement of the electrical activity in the brain using an electroencephalogram (EEG), which can tell us where, when and how the brain responds to a particular

stimulus. A list of some of the current projects follows:

- Research examining how meditation changes brain wave activity and state of mind
- Research examining cognitive, social and stress responses to the realness of violent video games
- Research examining the effect of combat experience on emotional responses to images of aggression
- Research examining how a person's emotional response to the content of picture rated as being negative, positive or neutral affects their ability to remember general versus specific details about the picture
- Research examining how a person's initial interpretation of negative images influences their subsequent emotional responses to similar types of images
- Research examining brain mechanisms used to appraise the reward value of different types of foods as a consequence of varying hunger states, nutritional training and personality types

How substantial are the benefits of participating in C-NERVE for the future of a student's career?

I think what makes C-NERVE unique is that it is a community of researchers (students and faculty) who associate both formally and informally. Lab groups, which typically consist of one or more faculty and three to five students,

are not isolated but are intertwined through a network of activities and mixing that occurs in classes, lab rotations, through outreach activities and bimonthly meetings of all C-NERVE participants. Students who belong to these types of scientific social networks are more likely to take charge of their own learning and form their personal social networks around their learning goals. This means that each student's extra-curricular activities continually reinforce their academic activities and students come away with a better understanding of the discipline.

Thus, participating in C-NERVE turns students from passive receivers of knowledge into active inquirers who seek out information. Specific benefits include: improved critical inquiry; enhanced career preparation; increased ability to think, learn and work independently; sharpened critical thinking skills and increased confidence in their ability to be intellectually independent. These skills are highly desirable in the job market.

C-NERVE also provides students an opportunity to develop a close mentor relationship with one or several faculty members, an opportunity to explore and identify scientific career interests, a chance to participate in original research and advance their careers and graduate study options. They also get hands-on experience with the same technology used in hospitals and other research labs throughout the country.

Professor Alan Scott & the search for extraterrestrial life

Jerad Maplethorpe
News Editor

Did you know that by accelerating gold nuclei to about the speed of light and smashing them into a stationary gold nucleus, you create a hot, dense state of nuclear matter that only lasts for about 10^{-23} seconds? This is the type of experimentation that Dr. Alan Scott, a part-time professor at the University of Wisconsin-Stout who holds a Ph.D. in nuclear physics, conducted while completing his graduate work at the Bevalac particle accelerator in Berkeley, Calif. His work examined how closely this expanding state of nuclear matter resembled the expansion of the universe within the standard Big Bang Theory.

On Thursday, Oct. 14, Scott gave a presentation titled, "Searching for Earth-like Planets and Extraterrestrial Life." The speech included a brief history of our civilization's search for extraterrestrial life, the current methods used to detect Earth-like planets and formulas for estimating the probability of intelligent life existing beyond Earth.

"Many people are fascinated with finding evidence that may support the possibility of life elsewhere in the universe," Scott said.

The search for extraterrestrial life began 50 years ago with astronomer Frank Drake in Greenbank, W.VA. Drake examined the sky for radio emissions that could be identified as "created" rather than naturally occurring. The most recent technology being used in the search for extraterrestrial life is known as the Kepler Mission. This satellite examines approximately 145,000 stars at a time. Its only purpose is to search for planets similar to Earth. It does this by detecting a subtle difference in the amount of light transmitted by a star when a planet passes in front of it. How subtle? Kepler can detect a variation in light output by 1/100 of a percent.

"I believe our civilization will remain intact long enough to make a measurement which gives strong evidence for the existence of extraterrestrial life," Scott said. "Now, this is different than asking if we would stay intact long enough to actually have a two-way communication (in some manner) with an intelligent, extraterrestrial life form. For this question, the prospects are a little bit more tenuous. Unless we can get a better handle on issues of nuclear weapons, biological weapons of mass destruction, emerging pandemics, environmental degradation, over-population, etc., the long-term



Courtesy of the UW-Stout website

future of humanity depends on our will to conquer such vexing issues."

This does not even consider the potential of being hit by an asteroid, which, if big enough, could cause a mass extinction of the human race. Statistically, one does hit earth about once

every 40 million years.

The field of astronomy is not solely about searching for extraterrestrial life, however. It also deals with black holes, relativistic space and time, supernovae, stellar evolution, planetary geology, cosmology, asteroids, comets, galactic structure, historical development of understanding the sky, dark matter and dark energy. "Astronomy truly awakens the human spirit to the vastness of space," said Scott.

"I, essentially, initiated and organized the public evening presentations that were being given as part of the Grand Opening of the Science Wing in Jarvis Hall," said Scott. "I also solicited other volunteers in the science and math departments for doing an evening presentation. Dr. Forrest Schultz was gracious enough to sign up for such a presentation. He did his presentation in the evening of Oct. 13 and talked about solar energy."

The presentations were designed to give a little back to the community and the taxpayers who funded the new building project. The events were scheduled in the evening so that high school students, college students and community members alike had the opportunity to attend.

Grand opening: Iris Boutique

Tiffany Willits
Staff writer

Looking for a place to shop for reasonably priced apparel and vintage jewelry? Iris Boutique, located next to Burger King on Main Street, opened on Saturday, Oct. 9. The wide selection of apparel, shoes, jeans, sweaters and dresses plus the one-on-one customer service is sure to please.

Jennifer Ritchie and Leah Ritchie are the mother-daughter owners of Iris Boutique, formerly the Christian Bookstore. Leah is a junior University of Wisconsin-Stout student in the apparel design program and Jennifer is a current UW-Stout art major set to graduate in the spring of this year.

Being family-owned and connected to the UW-Stout campus, along with boasting a great apparel selection at reasonable prices are what make Iris Boutique a pleasurable place to shop. Iris Boutique has jewelry from the 1960s all the way up to more contemporary items.

"My mom is the treasure hunter, and she looks for everything at auctions and state sales," said Leah. "She started collecting and our home

turned into a vintage jewelry store. We started collecting more items this summer with a store in mind. We would spend hours going all over the place just to find things."

The store accepts credit cards, cash and has a layaway policy. The layaway policy allows you to hold your items if you pay for half of it at the time of purchase. Once you obtain the rest of the money, you can pick up your items.

The Ritchies' goal is to keep the store simple and not too cluttered. As of now they are not hiring, but they may be in the near future. A Grand Opening Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 9.

"Iris Boutique is a store students can come to and find 'one-of-a-kind' items," said Leah. "Customers can also have fun and be excited about the unique items offered."

Iris Boutique is open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and is closed on Sundays.



Merchandise on display at Iris Boutique.



Calendar of Events

STOUT ADVENTURES - 56 Sports & Fitness Center (232-5625)

10/25-29 Urec Stout Adventures & Health & Fitness Center Cross Promotion Week
 10/28 Woman's Climbing Night: Free Climbing w/Stout ID from 8-11 p.m.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS - 41 Sports & Fitness Center (232-1392)

10/29 Bowling Tournament, 6 p.m. at the Underground in the MSC
 10/24 Block 1 Playoffs begin
 11/1 - 4 Block 1 Championship Week - Good luck to all teams

You can now buy fitness center memberships, climbing wall memberships and register for events online.
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Consistency in measures to reduce abuse of alcohol?

Sawyer Lubke, *President of the Stout Student Association*
Andrew Steele, *Vice President of the Stout Student Association*

Student government is intimately aware of the climate that exists at the University Wisconsin-Stout surrounding the use of alcohol. There have been far too many tragedies resulting in the deaths of our fellow classmates over the past several years. As members of student government, we are responsible for taking appropriate measures to ensure the safety and well-being of our classmates while protecting the rights of all students. Our task is a difficult one as we work to balance the rights of individuals and the rights of the administration to develop and enforce policies affecting the student body.

An example was seen in the retail practicum, a retail merchandising management class offered in the retail merchandising and management program. A significant number of programs offered at UW-Stout include internships that provide students with the practical experience to prepare them for their future careers. For students in retail merchandising and management, this class is an alternative to an internship. Over the course of two semesters, students work collaboratively to conduct marketing surveys, prepare a business plan and execute retail management selling products in a student-

operated store called the Niche. The Niche has been around many years solely for the purpose of this class. Over the years students have sold a wide variety of products, ranging from wine and martini glasses to clothing items.

Last semester was the planning stage of the course. Students came to a consensus on what products they should sell in the store based on market surveys, product availability and profitability. This semester is the retail management/store operations phase of the class. At the end of September, Assistant Professor Adel Mekraz, who is in his sixth year of teaching at UW-Stout, hastily forbade students from selling their previously approved products without consulting with students citing the campus-wide alcohol

initiative.

This concern was brought to the attention of student government.

Before proceeding with any action, we took the time to look into the situation and consider the implications and consistency of the message it was sending in relation to the alcohol initiative. We were perplexed.

Coincidentally, the UW-Stout Bookstore currently sells alcohol-related items either bearing the name or logo of the university, including tankards, mixing glasses, shot glasses and bottle openers. The administration has taken action to prohibit this academic

class from selling alcohol-related items, but they don't seem to mind the university bookstore selling comparable items. In fact, they seem more than willing to accept the money

they receive from the sales profit.

Chancellor Sorensen previously spoke to student government asking for campus-wide support on the alcohol initiative, specifically requesting that students be willing to stand with him. When he was specifically asked last April what he feels the role of students is in promoting the alcohol initiative, Sorensen said, "I hope that they get behind logical policies and logical enforcement of those policies. I think the best programs would be supported by the student body and peer-to-peer is more effective than faculty-to-student or administration-to-student."

As representatives of the student body, we question the logic behind the maneuver to prohibit the sale of these products at the Niche. From our perspective, students participating in this class have not committed any infraction of the alcohol initiative. This class and the merchandise they sell contribute to their academic learning. To prohibit these students from selling their previously approved products deprives them of the kind of practical experience that has made UW-Stout a hands-on, minds-on learning environment.



Lenn Soderlund/Stoutonia

Blue devil mascot history

Andy Liddell
Contributing Writer

Blue Devil Athletics, Blue Devil Productions and the Stout Blue Devils... but where is the Blue Devil? I'm not simply talking about the Blue Devil mascot; I'm talking about the old University of Wisconsin-Stout logo.

We identify ourselves as the Blue Devils, but I look around campus and the only piece of memorabilia that has the old logo stamped on it is tucked away in the Heritage Café in the Memorial Student Center.

According to Don Steffen, university communications editor, the first mention of the Blue Devils was in 1928 when the men's basketball team took up the name. Before then, the Stout Training School (the name of the university at the time) had simply called themselves the Trainers. Eventually, the football team also took up the name Blue Devils and it has stuck ever since.

During the '70s and '80s, though, social changes caused the iconography of the Blue Devil to come under fire.

With women's sports becoming more prominent during that time, it was thought to be inappropriate to have the Blue Devil represent women's teams. Also, during this time the "Chronicle of Higher Education" began a column called "Mascot Watch," which was on the look out for offensive mascots. These issues, combined with passionate religious sentiments and general student apathy, led administrators to drop the mascot, which brings us to the present.

What we have now is a name and a confusing logo to identify with. According to the UW-Stout website, the current logo is an abstracted

quill and seems to be a filler for this university. It seems this logo was pulled together at the last minute in order to simply have a logo.

To me, as an art major who is familiar with design principles, it seems like a poor branding technique. Even though we sometimes keep the navy blue color from the original logo, the quill seems to clash significantly with the idea of Stout being a polytechnic university.

I gather that since we've added a new wing to Jarvis Hall that the term polytechnic refers to our applied and industrial sciences programs. Gov. Jim Doyle was even quoted at the reopening of Jarvis Hall by saying, "With this building, students will get the best science and technology education anywhere in the world." If we're going to distinguish ourselves as a polytechnic school, why use a quill instead of something that would be able to better signify our dedication to the sciences?

There is even a second logo, which consists of a single blue flame enclosed within a circle but is not considered the official UW-Stout logo. This logo is used by Blue Devil Productions and is separate from the UW-Stout identity. Since this logo is not used to identify with the campus name, I can see where this wouldn't be a problem. Even though the flame is carried throughout different departments, such as the Blue Devil Athletics, there seems to be inconsistencies in the way it's portrayed.

I would appreciate seeing either a modern logo, one that would symbolize a growing emphasis in applied sciences, or adopting a logo that incorporates the mascot we have identified with for over 80 years.

Voter caging

Dear Editor:

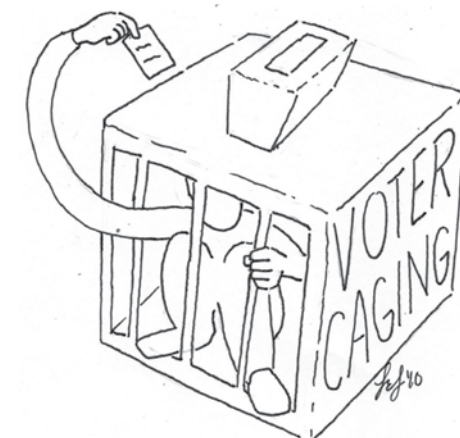
I am very concerned about the recent reports that the Tea Party and Republican Party are planning to suppress student and minority votes on Nov. 2. This is being referred to in the media as "vote caging." The Republicans, of course, are denying that any such plans even exist, but One Wisconsin Now has tapes of the meeting where this was discussed (www.savewisconsin-vote2010.org). Attorney General Van Hollen has been asked to investigate.

I believe that the University of Wisconsin-Stout should make every effort to warn its students, especially minority students, that they may face hostile challenges when they attempt to vote and they should be given advice about how to counter such challenges, such as having IDs with current addresses, registering and voting early at the City Clerk's office, etc.

It would be a travesty beyond measure if a college town in Wisconsin, in the 21st century, allowed minority voters to be intimidated when they tried to vote.

Thank you,

John See, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus
UW-Stout



Lenn Soderlund/Stoutonia

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Q & A with gubernatorial candidate Tom Barrett

Questions by Editorial Board

How will you approach the budget deficit waiting for you in Madison, and will your decision affect the UW System?

I have a plan to put Madison on a diet that will cut \$1.1 billion in state government spending by cutting waste, eliminating unneeded bureaucracy, improving efficiency, fighting fraud and reforming the budget. I will meet our state budget shortfalls with real and specific solutions, not gimmicks or meaningless bumper sticker slogans.

By making smart cuts, we can maintain key investments – like higher education. I plan to keep the University of Wisconsin System strong and affordable by making it an important priority. As governor, I will partner with public and private institutions to renew Wisconsin's commitment to higher education by preserving investment and need-based financial aid. I am also committed to attracting and retaining quality professors and staff as well as improving efficiency.

How will you maintain high quality education in the UW System?

To get Wisconsin working again, we must make a commitment to our community colleges, technical schools and four-year universities so we can educate and empower our workforce with the skills for the jobs of tomorrow. As governor, I will be a committed partner of the UW System by investing in world-class research and development initiatives that help companies harness cutting-edge technology and create the jobs for a 21st century economy. We must make sure our education system - from kindergarten to technical schools and colleges - empowers the people of our state with the skills to be competitive in a global economy.

What would you do to help Wisconsin protect and preserve its environment and natural resources?

I have been committed to protecting Wisconsin's natural environment as mayor of Milwaukee, from creating the city's Office of Environmental Sustainability (OES) to being a forceful proponent of the Great Lakes Compact. As governor, I will continue to work to preserve our natural resources that make Wisconsin a beautiful place to live, work and play. I also have a strong record of creating jobs that work hand-in-hand with preserving the environment, such as helping to turn the Menomonee Valley, once Wisconsin's largest brownfield, into a thriving commercial and recreational center. I will bring this record to the governor's office.

The current governor has pledged that the state will get an increasing amount of energy from renewable sources; is that a pledge you will keep?

By capitalizing on the new wave of technologies, we can generate clean sources of energy right here in Wisconsin that will create thousands of good-paying jobs, lower energy costs for families and businesses alike and will keep Wisconsin's energy dollars here and working for us, instead of shipping \$16 billion a year to other states or foreign countries as we currently do.

Will you work to actively complete implementation of high speed rail in Wisconsin?

High speed rail will create thousands of Wisconsin jobs and generate economic activity. An economic corridor across the Midwest with Wisconsin at its heart presents a significant opportunity for communities from Kenosha to the Mississippi River. Rail works in Wisconsin, and the Hiawatha Service between Milwaukee and Chicago proves it. That's why Republicans have supported it, business leaders have supported it and local communities have supported it.

Opponents would halt construction of the rail line even if it were already underway; essentially ripping up the tracks and throwing away tens of millions of your taxpayer money. But anyone who says these dollars could be diverted for other purposes like tax cuts or roads is deliberately distorting the truth for political purposes. Instead, these dollars would simply be reallocated to projects in other states that would be eager to take this money away from Wisconsin if the extremists let them.

Thinking long term, what is one priority objective you would like to get accomplished in your first term?

My top priority as governor will be jobs, jobs, jobs – a critical issue for college students and young people preparing to enter the workforce. I am the only candidate who has a record of working with businesses to create jobs, and I have presented a specific plan to create more jobs throughout Wisconsin. For example, working with regional partners we have saved and attracted 2,000 jobs to Wisconsin in the past year alone. As governor I will enact an aggressive jobs agenda that provides tax cuts to companies that actually create jobs, overhauls and reforms the state's economic development toolkit and establishes a venture capital fund to help new business enterprises get started. Each of these proposals will create jobs and opportunity for Wisconsin's workforce today and tomorrow.

Scott Walker received the same set of questions, but failed to respond.

Stand up for your university Make your voice heard and vote

Robert J. Kempainen
Opinions Editor

Universities all across the United States have a large impact on the outcome of our elections. There are many reasons for this. We are all able to vote, we are fairly organized, and most of us are young and spontaneous and ready to work. We are learning how to approach life from an independent point of view, and we all seek a good education that won't burden us with debt the rest of our lives. College students share a unique symbiosis of consciousness while enrolled in a higher education university. Every student shares an independent but mutually beneficial relationship with the university and the connections it offers. We are all here to get a degree.

Conversely, elections have a major impact on universities too. Politicians have different ideas as to how to fund (or not fund, for that matter) our public university systems. We are obligated as college students to care about who is getting elected. Our university budget depends primarily on the benefits received from both the State and Federal Government. Science and technology research is one area in which the people in elected office play a major role in providing the funds necessary to develop the next generation's technologies and discoveries. Chancellors and university presidents claim to be bipartisan, but they have a vested interest in who gets elected-especially for governor. There is a reason the administration courted the potential Republican Gov. Scott Walker around campus: he's planning on cutting a healthy chunk of the education budget if elected, and the university of Wisconsin-Stout doesn't want to be a part of that cut.

Being that this is such an important issue facing UW-Stout, I thought I would take the time to interview a couple of students to see if they are thinking about the election. After consulting several, I came to the realization that our generation is losing the epic battle against political apathy. I talked to at least 100 students

and just over 50 percent of them didn't even know there was an election taking place in less than two weeks. Twenty-five percent of the students I talked to didn't have an opinion or even know we were electing a governor and senator for Wisconsin. Another 15 percent were passionate about voting but knew very little about the candidates or what they are planning on doing if elected. There was however, a little glimmer of hope. Ten percent of the students I interviewed were informed about the issues, passionate about their political philosophy and knew what it takes to make a difference in elections.

Now, I don't mean to harp on those who are not involved or who don't really give a damn. I realize that these days students have a lot of distractions and a lot of extra stuff to entertain themselves with. We have computers, cell phones, iPods, HD televisions, mechanical and electrical gadgets of all sorts, fantasy football, beer, members of the opposite sex, Snookie, Facebook and everything else that is entertaining stimulus to the mind that I have not mentioned here. Nonetheless, it's important that you keep in mind those 10 percent of students I mentioned before who are passionate about their political philosophy also live with those distractions. They are engaged because they know students have a stake in every election.

It's time to reject our generation's apathy toward politics. Elections come around every two years, and we as students of the public university system need to remember why it is we are here. It's never too late to get educated and make a difference. If you don't know who to vote for on Election Day, I would suggest you cast your ballot for the candidate that will benefit UW-Stout. It's up to you to figure out which candidates that will be. Don't look at the parties and think "I don't belong," or "This isn't me"; look at the ideas and decide whether or not you agree. Universities' turnout will determine the outcome of this election. Stand up for your university; make your voice heard and vote!



Students thoughts on upcoming elections



Nikki Dentinger
Freshman
Business Administration

Are you voting? No.
Why? "I don't even know who I would be voting for in this election. I don't think you should vote unless you have an educated opinion. I'll wait until the next presidential election."



Harper Giese
Senior
Business Administration

Are you voting? Yes.
Why? "It's an important election year for many reasons. We are at a critical time for the Obama administration, and many of his goals won't be accomplished if we lose this important midterm election. I also want to see health care reform to put into effect responsibly. We need to support our president. Vote democrat."



Elizabeth Faust
Senior
Applied Science

Are you voting? Yes.
Why? "I want to have someone representing us who understands the problems Wisconsin faces and has a plan to solve them. Government spending is a hot topic among citizens right now, and it is important that we all vote for someone who will spend our money where we see fit."



Lance Murphy
Junior
Dietetics

Are you voting? Yes
Why? "I will be casting a vote this November to express my dislike of the way the economy is going. The more I can persuade someone to vote the same as I do, the better chance I could change the outcome in my favor."



Dylan Schmidt
Senior
Packaging

Are you voting? Undecided
Why? "I don't feel too strongly about any of the candidates this year. I voted in the last election because I felt it was more serious, and I had a much stronger opinion about the candidates."



Brian Georgeson
Senior
Packaging

Are you voting? No.
Why? "I have no time to follow campaigns. Why vote for something you have limited knowledge of? It would just be a shot in the dark based off a possible radio slander heard that holds no truth. If you're not going to follow the campaigns and beliefs of the candidates, don't give a vote away. This is Menomonie; P.

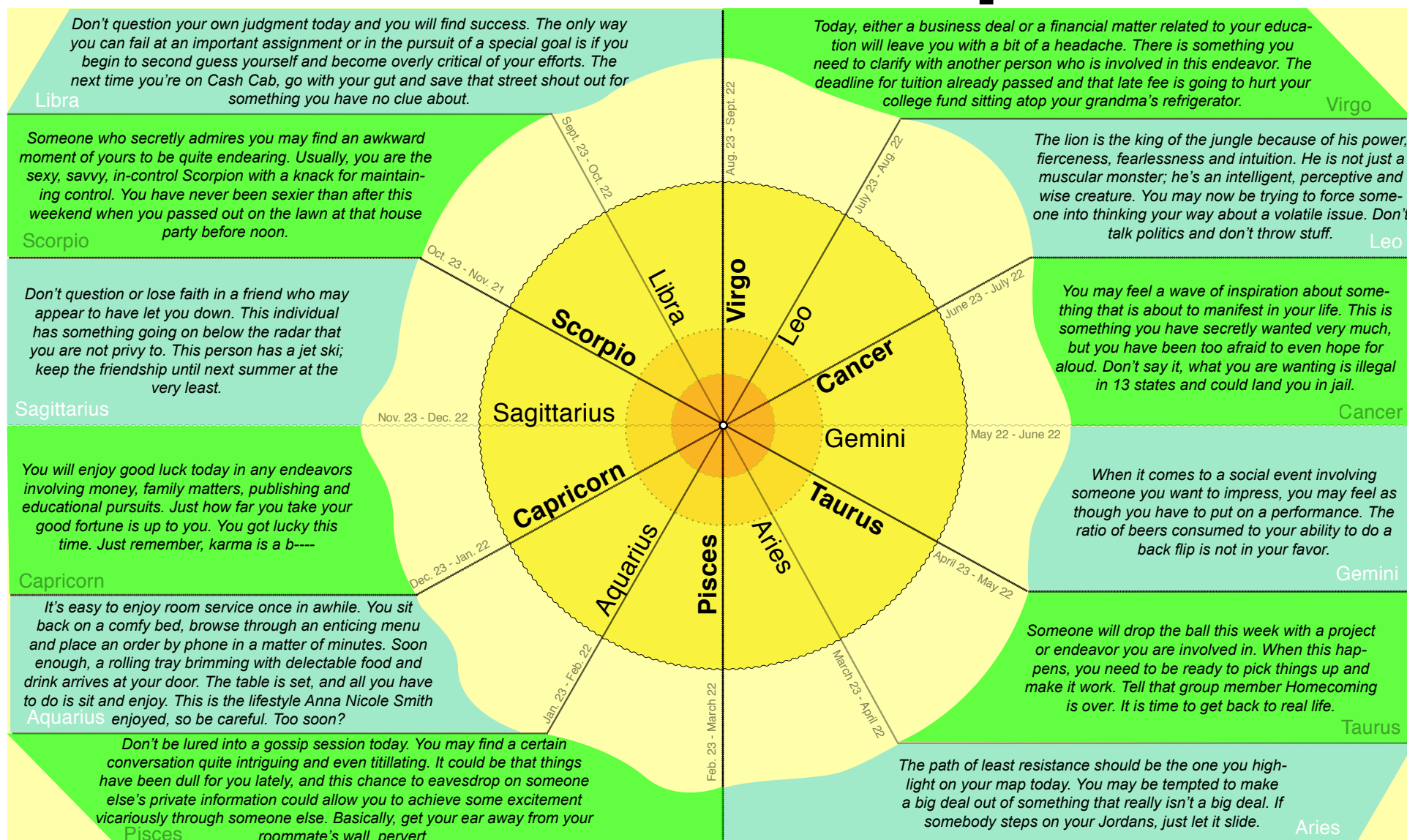
Diddy isn't going to come down here and 'pop a cap in yo ass' if you don't vote."



Chelsea Weber
Freshman
Psychology

Are you voting? No.
Why? "I don't believe in either party. We all generally believe in the good of humanity, but our politics are so polarized that we can never agree on anything. I think that both parties are focused on pointing out each other's flaws rather than solving the issues that are damaging our society. When America restores its sanity, I'll go cast my vote."

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Br	Ba	Address	Entire Unit	Per Person			
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #8	\$190	\$190	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR	
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #3	\$195	\$195	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR	
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #4	\$195	\$195	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR	
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #6	\$200	\$200	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR	
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #7	\$200	\$200	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR	
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #9	\$200	\$200	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR	
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #5	\$240	\$240	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR	
4	4	620-5th Avenue-E	\$260	\$260	Nice-sized efficiency, close to campus, includes utilities	3	
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street E #7	\$265	\$265	Studio, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A	
1	1	119 West Main Street #1	\$295	\$295	Large studio, close to campus and downtown, parking	3	
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #1	\$300	\$300	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great view	6	
1	1	702 4th Street E	\$300	\$300	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, downtown	6	
1	1	1506 1/2 6th Street E	\$320	\$320	Large apt, great location, enclosed front porch & storage	D	
1	1	115 1/2 West Main Street	\$325	\$325	Nice, large apartment, close to campus and downtown	3	
4	4	4203-1/2-14th Avenue-E	\$336	\$336	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, off-street parking	D	
4	4	802 6th Avenue #1	\$336	\$336	Large-nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6	
1	1	802 6th Avenue #2	\$335	\$335	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6	
4	4	421-1/2-13th Avenue-W	\$346	\$346	Nice, large apartment, parking, storage, lawn care included	D	
1	1	802 6th Avenue #3	\$345	\$345	Nice-sized efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6	
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street E #2	\$350	\$350	Efficiency, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A	
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	\$375	\$375	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	6	
4	4	400-1/2 Main Street #3	\$376	\$376	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	6	
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	\$380	\$380	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, great apt	6	
4	4	4218-1/2 6th Street-E	\$386	\$386	Large-upper duplex with den & parking, great location	D	
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #5	\$395	\$395	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great apt	6	
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street E #3	\$395	\$395	Efficiency, new carpet, includes WSG & heat, great location	A	
1	1	1520 1/2 7th Street E	\$395	\$395	Nice apartment w/ garage, washer/dryer, close to campus	D	
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	\$395	\$395	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, close to campus	8	
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	\$395	\$395	Efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8	
4	4	803 Wilson Avenue #6	\$396	\$396	Efficiency, includes utilities & parking, great apartment	8	
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #8	\$395	\$395	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, private entrance	8	
4	4	4221-7th Street E	\$395	\$395	Very large, nice, hardwood floors, incl. WSG, heat, parking	4	
1	1	1520 7th Street E	\$395	\$395	Nice apartment w/ garage, washer/dryer, close to campus	D	
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street E #9	\$415	\$415	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, close to campus	A	
4	4	803 Wilson Avenue #3	\$420	\$420	Great efficiency w/ full & balcony, includes util. & parking	8	
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street E #4	\$425	\$425	Studio, includes WSG, heat & parking, great location	A	
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street E #5	\$425	\$425	Studio, includes WSG, heat & parking, close to campus	A	
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	\$435	\$435	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	8	
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street E #1	\$455	\$455	Great location w/ parking, includes WSG & heat	A	
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street E #6	\$455	\$455	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, parking	A	
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street E #8	\$455	\$455	Nice, large apt incl. WSG & heat, close to campus	A	
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #3	\$455	\$455	Nice apt, private entrance & parking, WSG, HW & heat incl.	6	
4	4	421 Wilson Avenue #4	\$466	\$466	Nice, good-sized apt w/ parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6	
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #7	\$485	\$485	Nice, large apt, includes utilities, parking, private entrance	8	
1	1	333 1/2 Main Street #1	\$495	\$495	Large, desirable downtown apt, includes WSG & heat	A	
1	1	333 1/2 Main Street #2	\$495	\$495	Large, desirable downtown apt, includes WSG & heat	A	
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	\$545	\$545	Fantastic apartment, includes utilities & parking	8	

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Br	Ba	Address	Entire Unit	Per Person			
3	1	1312 6th Street E	\$725	\$242	Nice house, porch, big back yard, parking, close to campus	H	
3	2	421-13th Avenue West	\$826	\$276	Nice house, large rooms, parking & lawn care included	H	
3	4-6	1410-7th Street-E	\$900	\$300	Nice, spacious & well-maintained, washer/dryer & garage	H	
4	1	1809 6th Street E	\$820	\$155	New flooring throughout, washer/dryer, off-street parking	H	
4	1	1115 14th Avenue E	\$830	\$158	Large rooms, washer/dryer, screened-in porch, garage	H	
4	1	1508 10th Street E	\$830	\$158	Nice layout, new flooring, washer/dryer hook-ups, parking	H	
4	1	1120 15th Avenue E	\$850	\$163	Good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, off-street parking	D	
4	1	309 14th Avenue West	\$720	\$180	Washer/dryer, room for storage, parking, good location	H	
4	1	921 Main Street #1	\$750	\$188	Fantastic apartment, large rooms, parking, good location	4	
4	2	512 19th Avenue West	\$800	\$200	Large, split-level, 2 living rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D	
4	2	1319 8th Street E	\$820	\$210	Nice, good-sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H	
4	1	1600 10th Street E	\$820	\$210	Remodeled kitchen & bath, nice-sized rooms, washer/dryer	H	
4	1	1216 6th Street E	\$830	\$208	Good-sized rooms, porch, across from campus, parking	H	
4	1.5	121 1/2 12th Avenue W	\$840	\$210	Large apt, good-sized rooms, W/D, parking, great location	D	
4	1	121 12th Avenue West	\$840	\$210	Nice house, new carpet, W/D, storage, great location	D	
4	1	1215 10th Street E	\$840	\$210	3-season porch, built-ins, W/D, storage, large yard	H	
4	1	1509 South Broadway	\$900	\$225	Large house, nice inside, big rooms, great location, parking	H	
4	2	1620-6th Street-E	\$900	\$226	Great house, nice-sized rooms, washer/dryer, garage	H	
4	1	2235 South Broadway	\$940	\$235	Great house, good-sized rooms, W/D, basement, parking	H	
4	4	1414-7th Street-E	\$960	\$238	Nice house, front porch, garage, washer/dryer, nice yard	H	
4	2	1702 6th Street E	\$950	\$238	Spacious house, huge rooms, den, W/D, off-street parking	H	
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #1	\$1,000	\$250	Nice & spacious, W/D, includes all utilities, A/C, parking	8	
4	4-6	414-14th Avenue #2	\$1,000	\$250	Nice & spacious, W/D, includes all utilities, A/C, parking	8	
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #3	\$1,000	\$250	Nice & spacious, W/D, includes all utilities, A/C, parking	8	
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #4	\$1,000	\$250	Nice & spacious, W/D, includes all utilities, A/C, parking	8	
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #5	\$1,000	\$250	Nice & spacious, W/D, includes all utilities, A/C, parking	8	
4	4-6	414-14th Avenue #6	\$1,000	\$250	Nice & spacious, W/D, includes all utilities, A/C, parking	8	
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #7	\$1,000	\$250	Nice & spacious, W/D, includes all utilities, A/C, parking	8	
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #8	\$1,000	\$250	Nice & spacious, W/D, includes all utilities, A/C, parking	8	
4	2	1616-6th Street-E	\$1,000	\$250	Spacious house w/ den, W/D, parking, close to campus	D	
4	1.5	1615 7th St E	\$1,000	\$250	Nice house, great location, deck, washer/dryer, garage	H	
4	3	147-1/2 Main Street #A	\$1,040	\$260	Great apt, huge rooms, W/D on site, incl. WSG, parking for 2	A	
4	2	602-12th Avenue East	\$1,040	\$260	Large bedrooms, new kitchen floor, W/D, close to campus	D	
4	2	1301-9th Street-E	\$1,040	\$260	Beautiful house, remodeled, W/D, garage, porch & deck	H	
4	2	1608-8th Street-E	\$1,040	\$260	Great house, den, W/D, carpet, deck, good location	H	
4	2	332-1/2 Main Street-E	\$1,060	\$270	Just remodeled, hardwood, W/D, garage, lawn care included	H	
4	2	1021-8th Street-E	\$1,100	\$276	Huge! Fantastic apartment, W/D, deck, come parking in back	H	
4	2	4021-8th Street-E	\$1,100	\$276	Great house, nice rooms, W/D, screened porch, big deck	H	
4	2	1415-8th Street-E	\$1,200	\$300	BEAUTIFUL & NEW! Very nice large rooms, W/D, parking	D	
5	1	1121 6th Avenue E	\$700	\$140	Large house, new flooring, front porch, off-street parking	H	
5	1.5	221 4th Street West	\$750	\$150	North campus, W/D, porch, basement storage, parking	H	
5	1	1320 6th Street E	\$825	\$165	Large house, W/D, breezeway, garage, close to campus	H	
6	2	2303-3rd Street-E	\$890	\$184	Big house, washer & dryer, fenced yard, 2-car garage	H	
5	2	2008 5th Street #A	\$950	\$190	Large house, good-sized rooms, W/D, off-street parking	3	
6	2	814-10th Broadway	\$965	\$190	Nice house, washer/dryer, parking, across from campus	H	
6	2	814-10th Street-E	\$970	\$194	Desirable house, washer/dryer, fenced yard, garage	D	
6	2	1403-6th Street-E	\$1,000	\$200	Huge rooms, front porch, incl. parking, close to campus	H	

2	1	113 West Main Street	\$360	\$180	Close to campus and downtown, some upgrades	3
2	1	119 West Main Street #2	\$360	\$180	Close to campus and downtown, basement storage	3
2	1	921 Main Street #4	\$360	\$180	Huge rooms, lots of parking, porch, good location	4
2	1	115 West Main Street	\$370	\$185	New carpet throughout, close to campus and downtown	3
2	1	921 Main Street #2	\$375	\$188	Good location, new carpet, parking, nice-sized rooms, porch	4
2	1	1203 14th Avenue East	\$395	\$198	Large lower duplex, good-sized rooms, off-street parking	D
2	1	615-142 Main Street-E	\$420	\$210	Upper duplex-3 season porch-nice-sized rooms-parking	D
2	1	1506 6th Street E	\$420	\$210	Large rooms, enclosed front porch, storage, large yard	D
2	1	1218 9th Street E	\$425	\$213	Lower duplex w/ washer & dryer, parking, close to campus	D
2	1	1803 1/2 7th Street E	\$450	\$225	Nice apartment, new carpet, washer/dryer, parking	D
2	1	1311 1/2 S Broadway	\$450	\$225	Nice apt. across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
2	4	421-13th Avenue West	\$460	\$226	Nice apartment-hardwood floors-parking-lawn care incl.	D
2	1	2121 5th Street #A	\$460	\$225	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4
2	4	2121 5th Street #B	\$460	\$226	Zone-of-storage-lots of built-ins-washer/dryer-WSG incl.	4
2	4	208-142-13th Avenue-W	\$460	\$240	Upper duplex-good-sized rooms-new paint-parking	D
2	4	414-142-12th Avenue-W	\$460	\$240	Large apt-nice-sized rooms-parking-lawn care included	D
2	1	1221 1/2 7th Street E	\$480	\$240	Nice, large apt, porch, WSG, heat, HW & parking included	4
2	4	619-142-13th Avenue-E	\$480	\$240	Nice-sized rooms-great location-WSG-heat & HW incl.	4
2	1	619 13th Avenue E	\$480	\$240	Incl. heat, WSG, hot water, excellent location w/ parking	4
2	1	620 15th Avenue E	\$480	\$240	Upper duplex, very nice, large rooms & closets, parking	D
2	1	1415 4th Street West	\$480	\$240	Apartment w/ garage/parking, good location, nice floor plan	D
2	4	1602-10th Street-E	\$600	\$264	Cute house-new carpet-den-garage-behind-laminate	H
2	1	620 1/2 9th Avenue E	\$525	\$263	Large, nice rooms, very close to campus, great apartment	3
2	1	147 1/2 Main Street #C	\$550	\$275	Large, very nice, new carpet, W/D in bldg, includes WSG	A
2	1	802 6th Avenue #5	\$550	\$275	Great apartment, huge rooms, includes utilities & parking	6
2	1	802 6th Avenue #6	\$550	\$275	Nice apartment, large rooms, utilities & parking included	6
2	1	903 7th Street E	\$560	\$275	Spacious apartment w/ washer/dryer, very close to campus	3
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #1	\$560	\$280	Cute apt. private entrance, parking, heat, WSG & HW incl.	6
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #2	\$560	\$280	Ground level apt, large rooms, parking, heat, WSG & incl.	6
2	4	421 Wilson Avenue #6	\$560	\$280	Nice-good-sized apt-w/ parking-WSG, HW & heat included	6
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #6	\$560	\$280	Great apt, new shower, parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6
3	1	2215 1/2 5th Street E	\$425	\$142	Lower duplex, good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	4	119 West Main Street #3	\$600	\$167	Nice apt.-good-sized rooms-close to campus & downtown	3
3	4	1311 South Broadway	\$656	\$186	Nice house-across from campus-washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	921 Main Street #3	\$600	\$200	Large apartment, nice-sized rooms, parking, good location	4
3	1	2215 5th Street E	\$600	\$220	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, W/D hook-ups, parking	D
3	1	220 1/2 12th Avenue W	\$620	\$207	Upper duplex, incl. W/D, off-street parking, great location	D
3	4	208-13th Avenue West	\$620	\$207	Large lower duplex, washer/dryer, large rooms, parking	D
3	1	220 12th Avenue West	\$620	\$207	Large lower duplex, washer/dryer, parking, great location	D
3	4	414-12th Avenue West	\$620	\$207	Very nice apt-hardwood floors-garage-lawn care included	D
3	1	915 Main Street E	\$620	\$207	Lower duplex w/ den, W/D hook-ups, front porch, parking	D
3	4	814-142-10th Street-E	\$630	\$210	Upper duplex-recently remodeled-large rooms-very nice	D
3	1	147 1/2 Main Street #B	\$650	\$217	Nice rooms & closets, includes WSG, laundry in building	A
3	1	321 13th Avenue West	\$650	\$217	Super location, washer/dryer, off-street parking, nice yard	H
3	1	1415 1/2 4th Street W	\$660	\$220	Nice apartment, new flooring, washer/dryer, garage	D
3	1	802 6th Avenue #4	\$660	\$220	Nice apt. private entrance, includes utilities & parking	A
3	4	1603-7th Street-E	\$660	\$220	Nice-lower duplex-hardwood floors-new siding-parking	D

5	1.5	1521 8th Street	\$1,000	\$200	Nice-sized rooms, new paint, W/D, big yard, good location	H
5	1.5	1115 6th Street	\$1,050	\$210	Very desirable, washer/dryer, very close to campus	H
6	2	414-12th Avenue West	\$1,400	\$220	Cute house-big rooms-porch-garage-lawn care included	H
5	1.5	1107 2nd Street West	\$1,100	\$220	Nice-sized rooms, good layout, excellent location, W/D	H
5	2.5	1502 7th Street E	\$1,100	\$220	Recently remodeled, washer/dryer, porch, large yard	H
5	2	1803 7th Street	\$1,100	\$220	Large house, good location, parking, W/D, 2 HUGE bedrooms	D
6	2	203-13th Avenue West	\$1,126	\$226	Big house-2 bedrooms-washer/dryer-excellent location	H
6	2	607-13th Avenue East	\$1,126	\$226	Great location-nice house-new paint-W/D-parking	H
6	2	208-13th Avenue West	\$1,160	\$230	Good-sized bedrooms-W/D-front porch-close to campus	H
6	2.5	902 Main Street-E	\$1,160	\$230	Aweosome house-nice location-huge rooms-garage & more	H
5	2	2008 5th Street #B	\$1,200	\$240	Very nice apt, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, has everything!	3
5	2	2006 5th Street #C	\$1,200	\$240	Very nice apt, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, has everything!	3
6	2	4208-9th Street-E	\$1,240	\$248	Beautiful house-recently remodeled-W/D-dishwasher	H
6	2	1309-8th Street-E	\$1,276	\$266	Very nice-great location-W/D-garage-lawn care included	H
5	2	1708 6th Street #A	\$1,350	\$270	Fabulous apt, W/D, large rooms, parking, has everything!	D
5	2	1708 6th Street #B	\$1,350	\$270	Fabulous apt, W/D, large rooms, parking, has everything!	D
5	2	321 14th Avenue West	\$1,375	\$275	Great house, nice rooms, W/D, parking, close to campus	H
6	2	1008-6th Street-E	\$1,375	\$275	Fabulous house-large rooms-W/D-garage-close to campus	H
6	2	1402 8th Street E	\$800	\$133	Corner lot, washer/dryer, off-street parking, full basement	H
6	2	504 10th Street E	\$900	\$150	Huge house, big rooms, W/D, basement storage, parking	H
6	2	1603 7th Street E	\$1,000	\$167	Great house, washer/dryer, fireplace, off-street parking	H
6	2	1602 8th Street E	\$1,100	\$183	Nice house, good location, nice rooms, washer/dryer	H
6	2	115 17th Avenue West	\$1,200	\$200	Nice house, great location, W/D, front porch & garage	D
6	2	321 20th Avenue #A	\$1,200	\$200	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #B	\$1,200	\$200	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #C	\$1,200	\$200	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	416-13th Avenue West	\$1,200	\$200	Modern house-big bedrooms-good location-lawn care incl.	H
6	2	1321-9th Street-E	\$1,200	\$200	Spacious-W/D-garage-recently updated-great location	H
6	2	220 12th Avenue West	\$1,240	\$207	2 full kitchens, 2 washer/dryer sets, parking, great location	H
6	2	1714-8th Street-E	\$1,290	\$226	Spacious house-new paint-big deck-garage-pool table	H
6	2	1415 1/2 8th Street E	\$1,300	\$217	Fabulous apt, W/D, large, nice rooms, lots of parking & more	D
6	2	602-142-12th Avenue-E	\$1,350	\$226	Huge newer addition-very nice-W/D-off-street parking	D
6	2	115 1/2 17th Avenue W	\$1,350	\$225	Nice, newer apt, great location, washer/dryer & garage	D
6	2	408 18th Avenue East	\$1,350	\$225	Newly remodeled kitchen & bathroom, W/D, great house	H
6	2	921-8th Street-E	\$1,380	\$230	Great house-large rooms-W/D-new kitchen-floor-corner lot	H
6	2.5	802-12th Avenue West	\$1,400	\$233	Very nice house-remodeled-W/D-new room-garage & more	H
7	2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,225	\$175	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus	H
7	3	1803 7th Street E	\$1,550	\$221	Big house, 2 W/D, dishwasher, 2 HUGE bedrooms, garage	H
2	2	820-14th Street-E	\$1,600	\$226	Aweosome house-Newly remodeled-huge-W/D-basement	H
7	3	1102 10th Street E	\$1,600	\$229	Nice, big house, good-sized rooms, W/D, 2-car garage	H
7	3	819 7th Street E	\$1,610	\$230	Fabulous house, washer/dryer, big corner lot, 2-car garage	H
8	3	814-10th Street-E	\$1,680	\$200	Great house-recently remodeled-large rooms-washer/dryer	H
8	2.5	121 12th Avenue West	\$1,680	\$210	Large bedrooms, 2 washers/dryers, VERY close to campus	H
8	3	1421 South Broadway	\$1,640	\$230	Great house! Big rooms, W/D, across from stadium, garage	H
10	3	1609 6th Street E	\$1,600	\$160	Recently remodeled, 2 living rooms, good location, parking	H
12	4	115 17th Avenue West	\$2,550	\$213	Large house, big rooms, 2 W/D's, porch, garage, parking	H
15	6	2006 5th Street E	\$3,350	\$223	Like 3 apts in one! Spacious rooms, W/D's and much more!	H

Type Code: SR=sleeping room; A=apartment (usually downtown); H=house; D=duplex; a number shows how many units in building larger than a duplex; WSG+HW inc.=water/sewer/garbage and hot water in base rent price; w/d=washer/dryer; E/U = Entire Unit; P/P = Per Person

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UW-Stout was littered with different student-made homecoming shirts. We found a few that caught our eyes, and some that caught the eyes of local police officers as well.

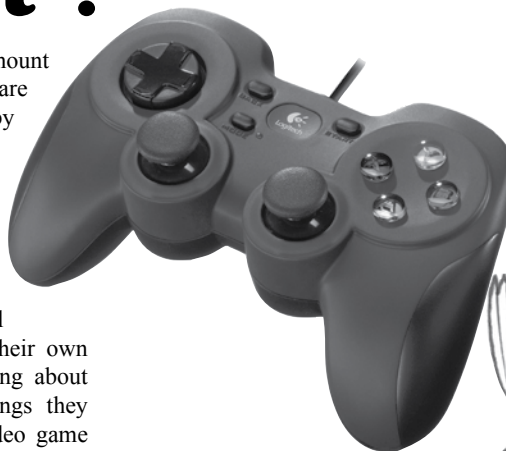


Octoberfest!

Hassan Javaid
Staff writer

This Friday, Oct. 22, the People's Organization of Network Gaming (PONG) crew and all the serious gamers on campus will get their game on at the PONG LAN, referred to as the "Octoberfest." Starting at 4 p.m., the two days of intense, competitive gaming with like-minded and equally passionate gamers is the idea behind this event. PONG takes it a step further though, with a "Left 4 Dead Dual Copy" giveaway, free-for-all game sessions and game tournaments for many PC and console games. All of this and more will be there, free of charge, for the students of University of Wisconsin-Stout to enjoy.

Added to the already exceptional amount of entertainment value from this event are some educational elements, provided by the International Game Developer's Association (IGDA) at UW-Stout. Two speakers from "Long Haul Entertainment" will be stopping by on Friday at 6 p.m. Tim Moravec and Evan Jones, two graduates in game design and development, will be talking about how they started their own game studio. Look forward to hearing about all of the challenges and great things they have experienced working in the video game industry.



The SKINNY

Upcoming Events:

**Amanda Duncan w/
People of the Glass
House**

Thursday, Oct. 21 @ 8 p.m.
in the Underground. FREE

Bo Burnham

Wednesday, Oct. 27 @ 8
p.m. in the Great Hall.
\$8/\$12 for students,
\$12/\$16 for general
public

Open Mic

Thursday, Oct. 28
@ 8 p.m. in the Under-
ground. FREE

Bad Animal

Thursday, Nov. 4 @ 9 p.m.
in the Underground. FREE

The Keep

Friday, Nov. 12 @ 7 p.m. at
The Blind Munchies
Coffeehouse. FREE. 16+

**Corey Chowder
w/ Joel Kachel**

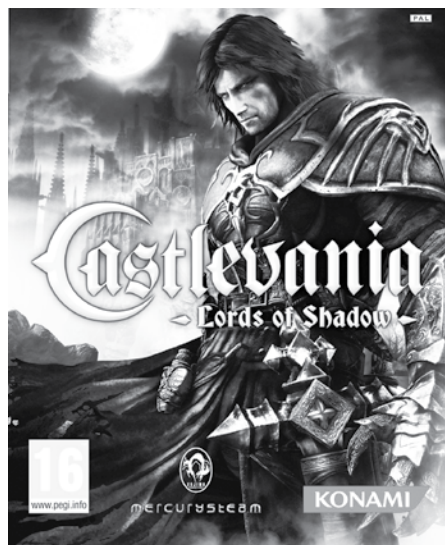
Thursday, Nov. 11 @ 8
p.m. in the Underground.
FREE

Lenn Suderland/Stoutonia

Portal 47 reviews

Hassan Javaid
Staff writer

Released early last week, "Castlevania: Lord of Shadows" is the latest entry in the long-running and very famous Castlevania franchise. The name "Castlevania," for most gamers, will resonate with the idea of good, solid 2D side-scrolling action gaming. This latest entry in the franchise actually breaks the tradition and goes



for a fully 3D action game, more akin to games like "God of War" and "Devil May Cry."

Looking back, the announcement of a 3D Castlevania game a year ago had many fans and gamers wincing in pain, as the memory of the previous lack luster 3D games in the series was still fresh in their minds. The good news about this third venture into the 3D action gaming, however, is the fact that it is actually a great game. "Castlevania: Lords of Shadow" is an engrossing and impressive 20-hour action game that does a solid job of bringing the franchise into 3D, while losing a few elements that series fans will definitely miss.

As previously mentioned, this is a game

lar to other great action games, but a more accurate description of what "Castlevania: Lords of Shadow" does is mold itself after "God of War." "Castlevania: Lords of Shadow" borrows heavily from "God Of War" and goes as far as to have the same epic battles, hack n' slash gameplay, horseback levels and grand, open environments. It does a good job of taking these great ideas and integrating them into a European vampires' and werewolves' world. The issue with this, however, is that the game loses a lot of the character and personality that has made the Castlevania games so famous. The game takes place in great open spaces for more than half of the game. This fact really does make one wonder about why a game that is called "Castle"-vania is not set inside a castle.

On a similar note, the story of the game actually does not revolve around the enigmatic clash between Dracula and the Belmonts, which makes up the bulk of the plot for the Castlevania universe. This game tells the tale of Gabriel Belmont, a tragic warrior who has lost the woman he loves. In order to bring his loved one back from the dead, Gabriel decides to take on the Lords of Shadow and use their power to accomplish his mind-bending task. The game has a pretty cliché storyline that has been used as the staple of action games, but it's coated with European horror paint that gives it just enough of an original feel to make it interesting. Added to that is the time setting for the game, which is a fictional "end-of-days" period for humanity.

Story aside, the real meat of the experience with this game is the fun gameplay and solid controls. "Castlevania: Lords of Shadow" is a strong action game and has a "pickup and play" element to it because of how much it borrows from other notable action games. The controls are tight, and the combat is addictive. The game features a very interesting light and dark magic system. When activated, the light magic will heal you as you attack enemies, while dark magic allows you to deal more damage. The meter for magic refills as you take down enemies, but only if it isn't in use. This adds a

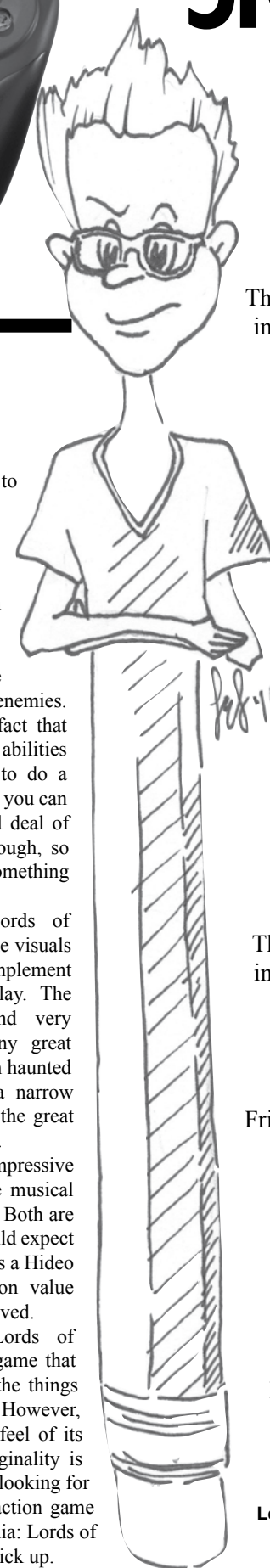
pretty interesting layer of strategy to an already engrossing game.

Speaking of fun things, the game gives you tons of cool moves and abilities to mess around with and unleash on the hundreds of enemies you encounter. These abilities can be purchased with experience points that you get from killing enemies. Perhaps one small issue is the fact that some of the cooler attacks and abilities are pretty expensive, so you'll do a good deal of level grinding before you can get them. There's always a good deal of "team Jacob" lurking around though, so it's not really that hard to find something to whack.

Graphically, "Castlevania: Lords of Shadow" is a quite the looker. The visuals for the game are amazing and complement the fun, tried and true gameplay. The environments are beautiful and very immersive – something that any great action game needs. Visiting a lush haunted forest or horseback riding on a narrow mountain trail are only some of the great places you get to see in this game.

Working together with the impressive visuals is the equally impressive musical score and the stellar voice acting. Both are definitely at the level that you would expect from a game of this caliber. This is a Hideo Kojima game and the production value really shows that he was involved.

All in all, "Castlevania: Lords of Shadow" is a very solid action game that plays it safe and does many of the things that make up a good action game. However, the game loses the essence and feel of its franchise in the process and originality is definitely not the focus. If you're looking for an exceptionally long, amazing action game to spend your time on, "Castlevania: Lords of Shadow" is definitely a game to pick up.

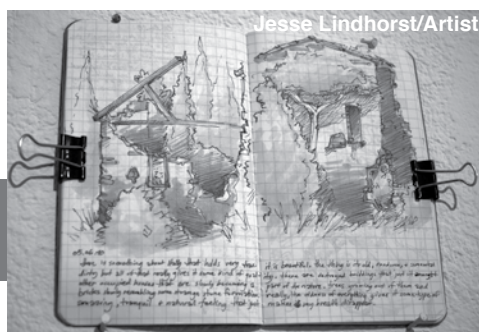




Zach Herling/Artist



Rachel Manz/Artist



Jesse Lindhorst/Artist

Currently on
display at the
Student Gallery

Bo Burnham|Coming to Stout

Eric Thorson
Editor-in-Chief

He may have a baby-face, but the lyrics in his songs are not intended for the ears of children. Piano-playing, guitar-playing, rhyme-spitting funnyman Bo Burnham will be performing live on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus on Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 8:00 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center.

Burnham has already accomplished so much at the young age of 20. The YouTube sensation was the youngest comedian to headline his own special on Comedy Central and appeared in Judd Apatow's Funny People with Adam Sandler.

His most popular song, "I'm bo yo," has nearly 13 million views on YouTube and was the keynote song in his Comedy Central special.

Some of his other hits include: "New math," "Bo fo' sho", and "My whole family."

Blue Devil Productions booked the comedian earlier this week; he was on a shortlist of prospective performers for this show. Craig Robinson, who plays warehouse worker Darryl Philbin on "The Office," Gabriel Iglesias and Daniel Tosh from the Comedy Central show "Tosh.0" were all considered according to Stout Student Association Organizational Affairs Director Josh Fritz. Daniel Tosh was very nearly booked for this performance, but after conducting some research BDP found that Burnham was the more popular option.

This is show is part of the BDP comedy series; the other names that were mentioned could be booked for future shows. Ticket prices are \$8 for UW-Stout students to sit in the back or \$12 to sit in the front section. They can be purchased online at tickets.uwstout.edu or at the MSC service desk. Visit bdp.uwstout.edu for more information.



BAD ANIMAL

Roseanne Meier
Staff Writer

Bring your party pants!



Bad Animal will take the stage at 8 p.m. on Nov. 4 at the Underground, and they hope for you to join and bring your party pants. Bad Animal listens to a lot of punk and folk bands, influencing their sound. They feel their music is hard to pinpoint, but it is kind of like Black Lips or Black Heat. "It's good-time music," said Bad Animal member Kyle Niebeling.

The duo is composed of Alex McCracken and Kyle Niebeling, singers and guitarists, who formed the band last year when they met as freshmen in Hanson Hall.

"The first time we played was out on the street," said McCracken.

The band has been taking off since then, recording songs and playing gigs. Their self-titled record, "Bad Animal," has seven tracks recorded in a dorm room in one day. You can download the tracks for free at www.mediafire.com/?cg3715tiraemi. Bad Animal said free downloads are a good way to get their music out there and shared.

Bad Animal has three shows under their belt so far, with no intention of stopping. Bad Animal gets on stage to have fun.

"We play music that is within our skills right

now," said Niebeling. "Down the road I would like to play crazier music."

"The songs all have a root in something we did," said McCracken. "In the song 'Bad Animal Blues,' we say 'knock, knock, knock, now it's time to go, police at the door you know we're out the window.' Last year we had a huge conversation about the possibility of making it out a second story window if we found ourselves in trouble."

The duo oozes enthusiasm as they speak about their music and the positive response they have gotten from their supporters.

"It's crazy when I see Facebook statuses as our songs," said McCracken. "['Friends and Forties'] is not what I think of when I think of our good songs, even though many people say it's their favorite. Our favorite would probably be 'Billowing Smoke.' It's the most fun to play and sing."

Expect a fun, laid back atmosphere at the Bad Animal gig. Their music invites a listener to sing along and have a good time. Their style is much like Irish storytelling music, which may come from McCracken's Irish heritage. You won't see these two in rainbow suits, but possibly matching overalls.

Niebling is originally from Waconia, Minn. and is currently a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin-Stout majoring in industrial design. He gets his musical experience from playing in a reggae/jazz band.

McCracken is from Hayward, Wis. and will be returning to UW-Stout and would like to major in marketing. He started playing drums when he was young and enjoys playing them for his church. He picked up guitar in high school and recently started singing for Bad Animal.

Before the show, check out Bad Animal's Facebook page for a link to their downloads, as well as the heads-up for their new CD due to be released soon. www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Bad-Animal/122816807735090.



Bad Animal/Contributed Photos

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Petey Watson takes a fall after attempting a dangerous stunt.

Andrew Vogl/Stoutonia

Witches Night Out "Ladies Night Out Event"

Tiffany Willits
Staff writer

Ladies, are you looking to get some shopping, socializing and snacking done? Then you will want to mark your calendars for Thursday, Oct. 28 from 3 - 8 p.m. to have an entertaining evening with your girlfriends. Grab your girls and head downtown for Witches Night Out!

The Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority girls have teamed up with the sponsors of Witches Night Out for a community service project, and they will be roaming the streets as mingling witches.

The theme for this event is Halloween and participants are encouraged to dress up. Kelly Timm, co-owner at Carpe Diem, said, "I am encouraging ladies to don their witch outfits since it's so close to Halloween and to have some fun!"

With over 23 shops to register at and win prizes, this is an event you do not want to miss. Some popular participating shops include: Carpe Diem, Closet 2 Closet, Legacy Chocolates, Leissa's Hair Studio, Log Jam, Mabel Tainter, Mainstreet Health & Fitness,

Menomonie Market Co-op, Ted's Pizza, Variety on Broadway and Zanzibar.

Have your palm read, get your face painted, indulge in Halloween treats and get a free gift with purchase at Carpe Diem.

Get a henna tattoo, sip liquid chocolate and save 10 percent off of any purchase at Legacy Chocolates.

Test your luck with a pumpkin drawing to win prizes and pamper yourself to a giant sale on jewelry, bath and body products and home décor at Variety Off Broadway.

Munch on a free nacho bar and enjoy drink specials at Log Jam, or receive a surprise discount at Leissa's Hair Studio and Spa.

Rummage around Town and Country Antiques, create a shopping list and get ready to save money and have a relaxing, enjoyable evening.

Put on your black and orange, and come support Witches Night Out in downtown Menomonie. It will definitely be a memorable experience.



Rosie's redbox REVIEW

Leaves of Grass

Rating: ★★★★★

Roseanne Meier
Staff Writer

"Leaves of Grass" is written and directed by Tim Blake Nelson. This film, although similar to your average stoner movie, has a sharp edge and unusual feel to it. The humor will hold your interest as the mysterious plot unfolds.

We meet Bill Kincaid (Edward Norton) in a classroom as an Ivy League classics professor who has entirely disassociated himself with his past of growing up in Oklahoma. Regardless, he returns home when receiving news about his twin brother's death. Little does Bill know that his brother, Brady Kincaid, also played by Edward Norton, is still alive and only faked his death to get Bill back to Oklahoma for shady business.

Brady is a marijuana-growing criminal who is proud of his country-boy ways. With a very advanced growing system, Brady is almost

an expert in his field. Brady, in his redneck accent, says to his plants, "You're all my special children, and we feed ya good too!"

When one of Brady's deals goes sour, he decides he needs Bill to help him implement a hoax. Bill has a reputation to uphold and wants nothing to do with the small town gimmick but gets caught in the madness when witnesses mistake Bill for Brady.

Susan Sarandon also appears in the film as Daisy, the twins' off-kilter mother. Credit is due to Norton for his acting job of both characters, but something about the double mirror effect from the "Parent Trap" will be stained in your memory. Norton's other performances in "American History X" and "Fight Club" are a bit more resounding but equally worthwhile.

Don't think you have to be blazed while watching "Leaves of Grass," because it is not

just another stoner movie. It is a good pick-me-up film to enjoy when you need a break from all that studying for midterms.

Full of goofy charm, quirky remarks and an intellectually engaging plot, this film is sure to keep you laughing.

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Hockey Coach Watkins addresses recent issues

Terry Watkins

Stoutonia asked the University of Wisconsin-Stout men's hockey Coach Terry Watkins to discuss the recent incident involving the recent death of a UW-Stout student. Here's what he had to say:

I think we are all well aware of the incident that occurred at Log Jam near our campus several weeks ago. I don't think it's necessary to review what happened. I would like to address what I feel is an issue of great magnitude facing all of us within the University of Wisconsin-Stout community.

There have been numerous efforts to address and curb high-risk drinking on campus, and it has always been met with disdain and resistance by a 'portion' of our student body. The message remains the same: there is a small portion of students on campus who simply can't drink responsibly. They create a problematic atmosphere for those who do follow acceptable social habits. Athletes are obviously more visible, whether in a college or professional setting.

After my involvement in the last three and a half weeks, I have become far more aware of the magnitude of the problem that exists on our campus. Eight students have died within the past several years, all with alcohol as a contributing factor. I can't help but think of the number of families, friends and fellow students who have been affected by these tragic deaths.

After watching our administrators deal with our most recent tragedy, I have a newfound re-

spect for the delivery of the message on high-risk drinking. There are absolutely no winners in these types of situations; locally and nationally, we have a problem.

I can empathize with Brad Simon's parents.

My own child, Kelly, was on life support twice in the last seven years, once for four weeks and once for three. The helplessness of the situation is awful. I know the painful time that his parents spent next to their son prior to his death. Seven other sets of parents suffered through their similar tragedies.

There is no question in my mind. The message that our chancellor is sending is the correct message. Have the students accepted the delivery? Some have and some have not. The bottom line is 'the message is correct.'

A small portion of our student body does participate in abusive drinking. Unfortunately, the majority of our student body feels like they too are being punished. The excessive drinking has created an annoying atmosphere for the responsible students who are acting like adults. They too are being dragged down by the immaturity of the minority.

I have been told that, 'Hey, this happens everywhere,' and I understand that, but I don't

think we should accept it happening here on our campus, at UW-Stout. I have been here for almost 45 years (since I was 18), and it's a great place. We have all chosen Stout over other institutions for some reason, and we are here be-

cause we want to be here. It's where we want to continue our education; it is where we want to prepare for our futures.

We have to somehow work together to solve this

problem. The ground swell message must come from our student body. They then must involve administrators, teachers, coaches, students and bar owners or whomever they think can be an advocate for social maturity. Without the involvement of all, we will not be successful in curbing these possible tragic life-changing choices.

I heard the quote recently, 'The character of a man is defined by how they deal with adversity.' Players, coaches, friends, family, students, and administrators have all faced



Layne Pitt / Sports Information Director
Watkins led the team to the NCAA Division III semi-finals in 2009.

adversity over these past few weeks. Our emotions have run extremely high, anger, betrayal, sorrow, pain, hope, and uncertainty to name a few. I believe there will be continuing waves and levels of adversity that we will continue to face over the next few months as we deal with this tragedy and its repercussions. Our response must be genuine and in the best interest of all involved.

Our hockey team has been, is and will continue to be a model athletic team on this campus. This incident is not who we are nor is this behavior acceptable by our team members. At least 25 of our team members have had absolutely no involvement in this incident. They have earned numerous accolades through their efforts in the classroom, athletic field and in our community over the past several years. Their positive impact will continue. They too have suffered immeasurably through this traumatic event.

I have built a solid reputation in the last 25 years on our campus. I will do whatever we can to help as we move forward through these difficulties. None of us are happy with the tragedies, either on campus or nationally. This university has been a leader in so many academic, technological and social areas for an extended period of time.

Let's band together, make a statement and help impact these types of problems that face our colleges and universities throughout the nation. Let's be a leader in our response to this type social behavior.

"There are absolutely no winners in these type of situations; locally and nationally, we have a problem."

—Terry Watkins

Men's golf final tournament

Andy Liddell
Staff Writer

What is better than beating the nationally ranked No. 1 team? How about beating it in its own backyard? Ask the University of Wisconsin Stout's men's golf coach Terry Watkins, and he will tell you he is pleased with the entire team for its performance in Greensboro, N.C. Even with home green advantage, the Blue Devils managed to outperform Greensboro by four strokes.

"Here's the No. 1 team in the nation and we beat them on their own course," said Watkins.

The last tournament of the fall season was held on Oct. 11 in Greensboro, N.C., resulting in

UW-Stout taking seventh in The Gordin Classic, putting them at 11th place in Division III. Not bad, considering everyone on the team broke 80 on both days of the tournament.

During the fall season, Watkins said his players were out on the links every day at the Chippewa Valley Golf Course playing either nine or eighteen holes of golf, which positively contributes to their performance during the season.

"They made a tremendous statement this season," Watkins said.

The team was off to a great start earlier in the year, including Andy Smith tying for first place, and the team taking third in the Edgewood College Culvers' Classic. As the

season carried on, however, the golf team began to lag slightly, tying for fourth at the Augsburg Invitational and for eighth place at the St. John's Invitational.

Watkins said his golfers work to improve themselves if they appear to be slacking in their performance.

"We struggled a little bit (in the season), but we responded and said 'we're better than this,'" Watkins said. He added that the individuals on the team work to improve themselves by driving, chipping or putting more frequently to correct the problem.

With the closing of the fall season, the men's golf team is feeling good and should be back on the links this spring.

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- **October 23:**
Football plays at home against UW-Eau Claire at 1 p.m.
- **October 23:**
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- **October 23:**
Women's Soccer plays at home against UW-La Crosse at 2 p.m.
- **October 23-24:**
Women's Tennis plays at Madison in the WIAC Championships.

Homecoming 2010: home field disadvantage

Morgan Pfaller

Staff Writer

The game on Saturday, Oct. 16 was more than just a football game for the University of Wisconsin-Stout alumni, student body and the local people of Menomonie. It was the end of a week of Homecoming festivities and celebrations. Hundreds of students and Blue Devils' supporters filled the Don & Nona Williams Stadium to cheer on our football team as it faced the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Pointers.

The Homecoming match is one of the few games of the regular football season where most students come out to cheer on their team. It also provides a chance for alumni to come together and remember their good old days of being a Blue Devil.

Hours before the game, people began tailgating in the main parking lot, students gathered on their front lawns to play beanbags, and the excitement began to set in. "I feel excited and proud to be a Stout student," Molly Rand, a sophomore, said. "I'm anxious to see the turnout of the game and how many people will really get into showing off their school spirit."

The stadium buzzed with anticipation as spectators filed in. The UW-Stout marching band enhanced the atmosphere with energy by playing selections of music such as "Celebration" and "We Will Rock You." The smell of hamburgers and hot dogs filled the air as families quickly finished their tailgating festivities. The countdown to kick-off had started.

Brightly colored T-shirts dotted the student section, many created just for Homecoming. Katie Marshall, a sophomore, felt the shirts really brought out the creativity of the student body.

"The shirts provided a humorous side of Homecoming and united their school spirit," said Marshall. Indeed, shirts with pop culture references and inside jokes create a memorable souvenir for each student.

Not only was this a Homecoming match, but it also was also a key match in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic (WIAC) Conference as UW-Stout and UW-Stevens Point were both 1-1 in conference play. This is Clayt Birmingham's first year as a head coach for the Blue Devils, compared to John Neesh, the Pointers' head coach who is in his 23rd year.

At 1 p.m., the team rushed the field, led by

the cheerleaders, while "Hells Bells" rang from the loud speaker. It was game time, and the crowd roared with excitement as the announcer called off the starting line-up. UW-Stevens Point won the coin toss, giving the Blue Devils the kick off.

UW-Stout got on the board first with a touchdown drive on its second possession. Quarterback Ross Carey, a junior from Little Suamico Wis., had an eight-yard touchdown pass to Craig Warminski, a junior from Stanley, Wis., who dove over several football players and into the end zone. The following kick sent the ball sailing over the safety net and into the parking lot, giving UW-Stout the early lead and leaving an unknown spectator with a tiny dent on the hood of his or her car.

UW-Stevens Point scored a field goal and by the end of the first quarter the score was 7-3. At the beginning of the second quarter UW-Stevens Point scored a touchdown, taking the lead 14-10. The Blue Devils were quick to recapture the lead with another touchdown and took a 14-13 lead into halftime.

When halftime was called, the UW-Stout dance team took to the field to entertain the audience. Laura Pechtel-Pfeiffer, a member of the dance team, had a lot to say about the team's performance.

"This year's homecoming game was very exhilarating. The fans and school spirit seemed much more elaborate this year." Said Pechtel-Pfeiffer. This was the first homecoming performance for the team, "Performing on the field this year at homecoming for the first time was super fun and the football games are what we basically live for."

The team had overwhelming support from the cheerleaders, who kept the audience entertained throughout the game. "Football is a great game to watch, but I tend to focus on the cheerleaders," said Rachel Saegar, a spectator. I enjoy the routines and some of the stunts they perform. Without them, the audience wouldn't be so pumped up."

In the second half, the Pointers jumped to a lead after they scored a touchdown on their first possession. The nine-play drive ended with a 12-yard touchdown pass from Swank to Theo Maglio, followed by a failed two-point conversion.

After a pair of three-and-outs, Warminski got the offense rolling again. He ran the ball on five consecutive downs, picking up two first downs and drove the offense to the Pointers' 35 yard line. Walker got another touchdown reception, this time a 26-yard pass right up the middle of the field, to give UW-Stout a 21-19 lead going into the final quarter of play.

With 13 minutes to play, UW-Stevens Point struck quickly on what would come to be their game-winning drive. Swank completed passes of 14, 22 and 30 yards, to give UW-Stevens Point a 27-21 lead. The drive took under two minutes and went 73 yards in five plays.

UW-Stout's last real push came after Billy Rosenthal, a sophomore from Wyoming, Minn. intercepted Swank on the Pointers' 21 yard line. It appeared at first as if Rosenthal returned the pick for a touchdown, but he was ruled down upon completion, where his knee hit the ground. UW-Stout could not complete a pass on the second, third or fourth down, and

turned the ball over on downs, again failing to get any points off a turnover in its opponent's territory. The Blue Devils lost to the Pointers 27-21; it was a close game that kept the crowd on the edge of their seats.

"This was my first game I have attended in my college career," said Lindsey Hanson, a spectator. "It was a close game; there was excitement throughout the whole game." Students did not let the loss tamper their Homecoming spirit. As Beth Buchholz put it, "Win or lose, it's still Homecoming, and I will continue to celebrate the end of a great week."

Photo on left by Rachel Stocker / Stoutonia



UW-Stout prepares to receive.

Phil Mach / Stoutonia

Women's Soccer: building from the grass up

Jodi Larson
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's soccer team had a busy week playing against the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. On Saturday, Oct. 16, UW-Stout was the away team playing against the UW-Oshkosh Titans. Unfortunately, UW-Stout was unable to shut the Titans out, losing 0-1 in overtime.

The weather and field conditions were unfavorable, with 20 mph winds blowing straight across the field. The Blue Devils played well with the wind against their backs during the first half, but struggled with the field's turf because the ball moved faster and made it much more difficult to control the pace.

UW-Stout dominated the first half passing the ball and gaining possession, but as the game progressed the team got pulled into UW-Oshkosh's playing style, which consisted of a lot more air passing. The two teams fought for the ball the entire game until UW-Oshkosh scored the game-winning goal in overtime.

Kaitlin Kalan, a senior in studio art and defender on the team, said, "It's always hard to lose a game like that when coming so close. The team didn't come out with as much intensity as they did against River Falls. After a tough loss like this, all the team can do is learn

from their mistakes and focus on the good things that happened."

This year, UW-Stout's team has many leaders. One team member missing from the game against UW-Oshkosh was Courtney Tideman. Tideman is a junior captain this year. She holds a huge part on the team and is considered one of UW-Stout's best players. Many of the girls look up to her and are encouraged by her play and overall attitude she brings to the field.

During the previous UW-River Falls home game, Tideman was kicked by an opposing player trying to clear a ball, resulting in Tideman breaking a big toe and ending her season for this year.

"Courtney brings a new atmosphere to the field and without her presence during the Oshkosh game, a lot of the players had a hard time stepping up," said mid-fielder Emily Stanke. Even though there was a loss that day, the soccer team is learning from its past experiences and trying to counter that in future games.

Earlier in the week, UW-Stout played UW-River Falls at home on Wednesday, Oct. 13. That night, the field and weather conditions were perfect. It was a cold night with no rain or wind under the lights, providing an intense atmosphere. UW-Stout came out onto the field strong by keeping the ball in its possession with ground passing.

Within the first fifteen minutes of the game

both teams were able to score two goals. The score remained 2-2 for the entire game until Stout dropped the game in overtime after the second half.

"If you were to count all the goals that the team has met this year, it doesn't match up with the overall record," said Emily Stanke. "With most of our losses we have outplayed the teams on the field, but usually the other team gets a lot of the chances for the goals. Making a goal is being in the right place at the right time. If you're not there you're not going to make that chance. We've had so many chances, but many go in favor of the other team."

The soccer team is working to communicate more on the field and become more cohesive as a whole. This is a goal the team is trying to achieve and hopefully transfer into their upcoming games.

Jessica Price, a senior in human development and family studies said, "We really wanted to beat them and losing in overtime was really hard on the team. There were points in the game when the team got frustrated and stopped communicating. The team this year is one of the best teams so far that I've had the privilege to play with. I feel like we're really strong but just not transferring it onto the field."

The UW-Stout women's soccer team has a great group of players this year with many in-

coming freshman. The team is growing from game to game and is continually reaching for its goals as time goes on.

Kalan put it best: Even though there wasn't a win, she is really proud of the way the girls played. "This year the team is going well," said Kalan. "We struggled at the beginning with formations, but we've been getting used to the way people play, and our team style has become increasingly better. When the team sticks to that we do really beautiful things on the field."

Losses are always disappointing when everyone plays their hearts out, and anytime that happens, you hope to get the win. Something that my coaches push is that there's nothing more you can do. That's all that you can control, and when you do that and lose, it's finding the courage to go into the next game as if the loss never happened. You still have that confidence, determination and tenacity.

It's also about maintaining the trust. We have an incredible group of women and we all do trust each other on and off the field, and it's about maintaining that trust no matter what happens."

Even though the soccer team had a rough week, the girls still believe that there are many things they can improve upon both on the field and with their game. It is about maintaining a positive attitude, learning from mistakes, and communicating on the field.

Blue Devils fall to pointers

Morgan Pfaller
Staff Writer

Homecoming weekend began with a game pitting the University of Wisconsin-Stout's women's volleyball team against the University of Wisconsin Steven's Point Pointers. On Oct. 15, the team traveled to Steven's Point to play in Berg's Gym. The Blue Devils lost.

UW-Stout started out with a first set win. Unfortunately, UW-Steven's Point came back the next three sets and gave the Blue Devils a 3-1 loss during Friday's game.

The Blue Devils won the first contest in a close match, 25-22. In the next match they battled UW-Steven's Point and fell 25-20, allowing the Pointers to tie the match one game apiece. The Pointers eventually took the next two matches, 25-22, and 25-15 and went on to defeat the Blue Devils.

Sara Kjos, a junior from Hamburg Minn., led UW-Stout with 10 kills, while Kate Mikutowski, a sophomore from Stillwater, Minn., finished with eight kills. Kjos added a pair of solo blocks and three assists to her stats, while Kim Labat, a senior from Marshall, Minn., moved to the setter spot with 34 assists and 13 digs. Mi-

kutowski, Megan Shanhan, a sophomore from Norwood-Young America, Minn., and Taylor Fabian, a sophomore from Lake Elmo, Minn., each finished the night with 15 digs.

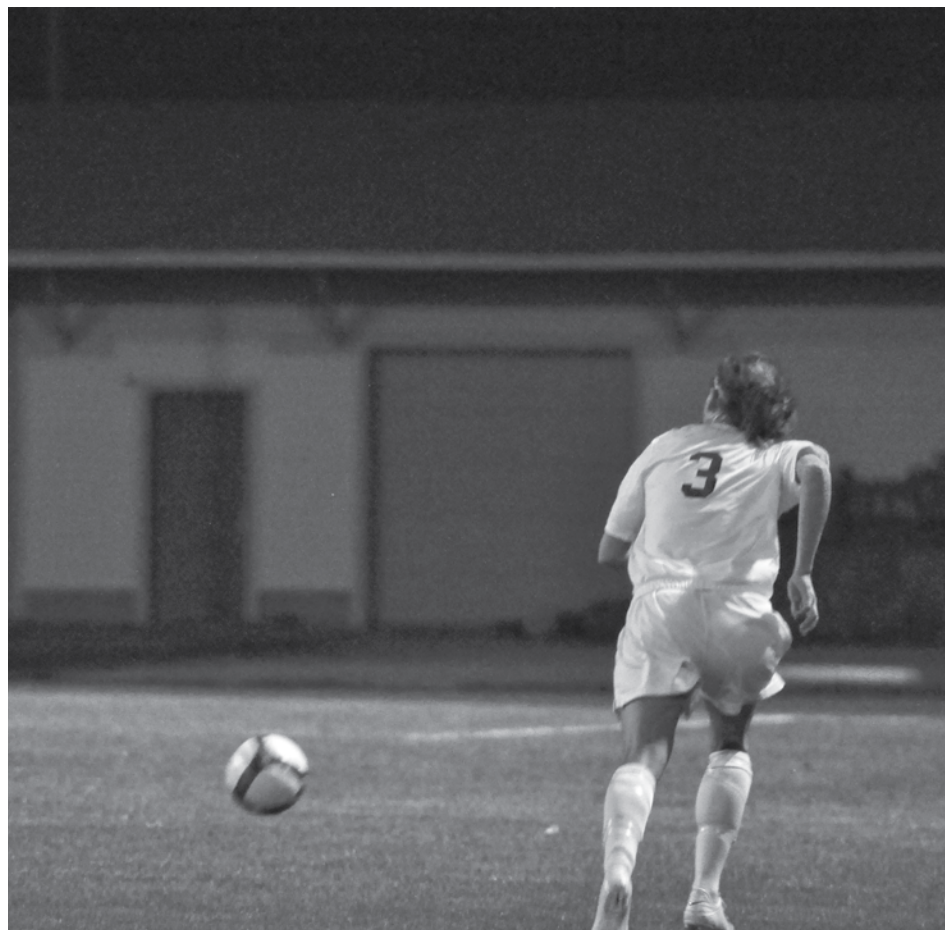
Tori Sandstrom, a sophomore from Cary, Ill., had high praise for both teams. "Overall both teams played very well, the attitude on the court was great and everyone was having fun," Sandstrom said. "We just had some unforced errors on our side which put us down and we had to keep playing catch-up."

It was a tough game for the Blue Devils as the Pointers home record is 7-0. The Pointers Morgan Bartkowiak led all players with 14 kills and Christina Brinkman added another 10.

The Blue Devils have had a tough season but their hopes remain high for the future.

Sandstrom feels the team is improving with each game. "We have a lot of talented girls, and we are closing the gaps with each game we play. We will start getting wins soon."

Stout will close out the home portion of its schedule Wednesday, Oct. 20 when it hosts the University of Wisconsin-Superior at 7 p.m. for senior night and for Dig for the Cure, a night to raise awareness of breast cancer.



Katie Ness chases a loose ball.

Joe Howell / Stoutonia

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Blue Devil Football

On Sat. Oct. 16, the Blue Devils football team put on their best show for the Homecoming game, but despite three interceptions, it was unable to convert the turnovers to points. The UW-Stevens Point used 418 yards of offense to defeat UW-Stout, 27-21. Quarterback Ross Carey ended the game 22-of-40 with 226 yards and three touchdowns. Patrick Mengelkoch was the game's leading receiver with 116 yards on seven catches.

Next game: UW-Stout will play at home against the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire on Oct. 23 at 1 p.m.



Blue Devil Tennis

The Blue Devils tennis team closed out their regular season at La Crosse on Sat. Oct. 16 with a 8-1 loss. Doubles partners Allie Hinman and Abby Werwie picked up the lone win that day, defeating Kelly Kuether and Kelly Stadum, 8-6. Hinman lost to Stadum 6-2, 6-4, at No. 1 singles and Werwie lost to Kuether at No. 2 singles, 6-1, 6-0.

Next Game: UW-Stout will be in Madison at the WIAC Championships on Oct. 23 and 24.



Blue Devil Soccer

On Oct. 16, the Blue Devils played against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and lost, 1-0 in overtime at JJ Keller Field. Catilin Casey scored an unassisted goal in the 96th minute to lift the Titans to the win. UW-Stout's Whitney Fenne had three saves in goal. This marked the sixth consecutive game with the Titans that either ended in a tie or was a one goal game.

Next game: UW-Stout will play at home against the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse at 2 p.m.

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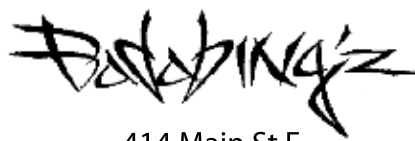
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Most Midwesterners agree that autumn is their favorite season. The air is crisp enough to wear a sweater but not frigid enough for a parka. The NFL season is in full force and emotions are running high. Here is a rooftop shot taken of historic downtown Menomonie with the Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts in the background.



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Stout students' difficulties with voting



Jessica Christiansen
Staff writer

When it comes to voting in Wisconsin, it is typically an easy task to accomplish, but when Nov. 2 arrived, it left many students frustrated and unable to vote. Students from all over the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus went to voting polls on Election Day expecting an easy registration process. When off-campus students tried to register, however, they realized that was not the case.

Many states, such as Illinois and Missouri, require their residents to register before Election Day. Missouri's rule for registration requires their residents to send their registration application in by or before the fourth Wednesday prior to the elections. Illinois gives its residents year-round registration up until 27 days prior to Election Day. Illinois also requires its residents to show proof of residency in their voting district area for at least 30 days.

Residents in Wisconsin are grateful that they do not have to register prior to Election Day and that they are only required to prove they live in their voting district for 10 days prior to voting. However, UW-Stout students still struggled to prove their residency. Students in line to register were turned away because they did not have mail or other documents that could prove their residency. Students argued that the fact that they are students should show enough proof of being a resident. Others pointed out that they received their mail as online billing statements or their mail was sent to their parents' place.

"I was very frustrated for being denied at registration because I shred my bills, and I brought a car payment that shows my residency for 90 days, but they would not accept it because it was too long ago, even though I am a student here," an anonymous UW-Stout student said.

Another student, Rachel Doty, who had to find a collaborator so she could vote, expressed the same concern.

"I was pissed and fed up," said Doty. "I think it is important to vote and all the people tried to get young people to vote, but when the young people try to vote, older people will go out of their way to make it excessively difficult and full of hassle. I think the school and the government should collaborate to allow all of the enrolled students to vote on campus to avoid time constraints and hassle since the school already has all the necessary information the registration needs."

Eric Thorson
Editor-in-chief

It has been a little over two months since the tobacco ban has gone into effect on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus. Students may have noticed signage on campus buildings, along with a no smoking graphic at the lower right-hand side of the UW-Stout homepage that brings users to a link where the policy is explained. On Tuesday, Nov. 2, Communications Director Doug Mell spoke at the Stout Student Association (SSA) meeting discussing the status of the policy.

"For the first month or so, compliance was good," said Mell.

He went on to say that in recent weeks he has noticed compliance with the tobacco free policy has been starting to slip. Some

Upcoming Career Services workshops

Want to brush up on your résumé and cover letter writing skills? Are you interested in learning how to find a job in a competitive market? The University of Wisconsin-Stout Career Services Office offers various workshops intended to help you sharpen your professional skills.

All workshops are held in the Career

Services office in room 103 of the Administration Building. Some things to know about Career Services:

Session two covers the same materials as Session one, you do not need to register; just show up at the designated time and arrive five minutes early to sign in and be sure to bring your Stout ID.

Resume and Cover Letter Development

Thursday, Nov. 11	2:30-3:20pm	4:40-5:30pm	Rivera
Tuesday, Nov. 16	12:20-1:10pm	4:40-5:30pm	Michaud
Wednesday, Dec. 1	11:15-12:05pm	4:40-5:30pm	Delong

How to Find Jobs in a Competitive Market

Thursday, Nov. 04	2:30-3:20pm	4:40-5:30pm	Rivera
Thursday, Dec. 2	2:30-3:20pm	4:40-5:30pm	Rivera

The Interview: Putting your Best Foot Forward

Tuesday, Nov. 09	12:20-1:10pm	4:40-5:30pm	Michaud
Thursday, Nov. 18	2:30-3:20pm	4:40-5:30pm	Rivera

Social Networking for Success: LinkedIn

Wednesday, Nov. 10	11:15-12:05pm	4:40-5:30pm	Lane
Tuesday, Nov. 30	12:20-1:10pm	4:40-5:30pm	Michaud

Professionalism: How to Make a Positive Impression in the Workplace

Wednesday, Nov. 17	11:15-12:05pm	4:40-5:30pm	Delong
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***Workshop Schedule is Subject to Change**

Update on campus wide tobacco ban

actions that have been taken are handing out cards that remind people that using tobacco is against school policy. These cards were distributed by Mell to the SSA. The reminder cards have been handed out to students who have been caught smoking, but some members of the SSA voiced discomfort with doing this during the open forum.

Another idea was for the SSA to give a statement of support on the ban because a message from the student government carries more weight than another e-mail from administration. Mell brought up a similar situation from a community college in Tennessee where the enforcement of a smoking ban was lenient in its first year but started handing out citations in its second year.

Chapter 18 of the University of Wisconsin System code states that citations can be issued for violating policies that are dis-

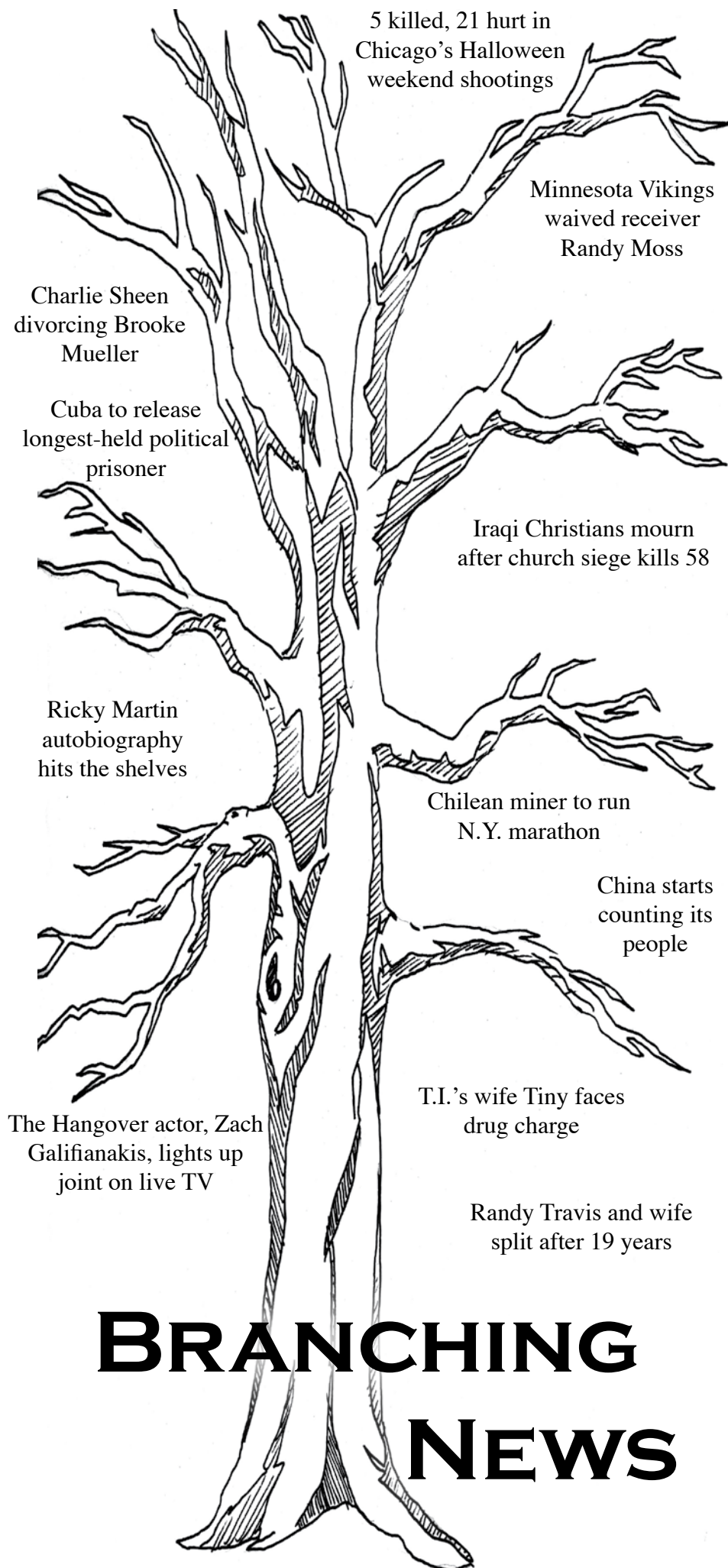
played on signage around campus. It will be up to the SSA to discuss what the next step in the tobacco ban will be.

"Other campuses are watching us...and behind us," said Mell.

"It's important that we do [the tobacco ban] right."

One thing the SSA might agree on is ticketing those who smoke within 25 feet of residence halls. Some of the senators voiced their displeasure from personal experience with people smoking outside dorm rooms and the smoke going in the windows. It is already state law that you cannot smoke within 25 feet of residence halls, so violators can be ticketed for that anytime.

Mell said he was meeting with a lawyer on Wednesday, Nov. 3 to speak about possible penalties that could be implemented to violators of the campus-wide smoking ban.



BRANCHING NEWS

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Citations Issued

Oct. 21 through Nov. 3

Underage drinking, 1st offense - 14

Possession of paraphernalia - 4

Possession of marijuana - 5

Disorderly conduct - 1

Tampering with fire equipment - 1

Public urination - 1

Violation of red traffic signal - 1

Resisting/obstructing an officer - 1

Open container - 1

On Oct. 22, an officer was informed about a male subject who was sitting alone in a locked classroom in the dark. This same person had been found several other times doing the same thing in Jarvis Hall. This will continue to happen until he finds "the precious."

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Tales of stupidity
from Menomonie

On Oct. 28, an officer responded to a call about a glass pipe that had been found on the fourth floor of Chinnock Hall.

The pipe appeared to have some tobacco in it and did not smell like marijuana.

The officer smashed the pipe and threw it away. This is the first time in history that someone respected the sign that said, "This product is for tobacco use only."

On Oct. 28, a vehicle in Lot 4 got stuck while attempting to drive over a nine-inch post. Several male subjects helped lift the vehicle off the post and a garbage can was placed beside it to prevent additional drivers from driving over it. No jokes to make here about someone putting something over a nine-inch post. Not a single one.

On Oct. 31, an officer visited the fourth floor of Fleming Hall based on a report of marijuana odor. The officer was unable to determine where the odor was emanating from and mentioned that nothing out of the ordinary was located. The legend of Sleepy Tetra-hydro-cannabinol lives on.

How to avoid a parking ticket

Jerad Maplethorpe
News editor

On Nov. 1, the city of Menomonie began its annual street parking restrictions to facilitate snow removal. Between the hours of 2 a.m. and 7 a.m., motorists are required to park on the odd-numbered side of the street on odd-numbered calendar days. Likewise, on even-numbered calendar days, vehicles must be parked on the even-numbered side

of the street.

These restrictions will be enforced until April 1, 2011. There are several other general parking restrictions to keep in mind:

- No parking within 10 feet of a fire hydrant
- No parking within four feet of a driveway
- No parking closer than 15 feet to the near limits of a cross walk (marked or unmarked)
- No parking for any period of time in a yellow zone

The Rally to Restore Sanity and/or Fear

Jerad Maplethorpe
News editor

Imagine being immersed in a crowd of more than 215,000 people in the center of Washington, D.C. to participate in a rally that no one quite understands, the day before Halloween. That was the scene on Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010; a date that Jonathan Stewart and Stephen Colbert, the Comedy Central comedians that hosted the event, said “had no significance whatsoever.”

The event they created, however, was anything but insignificant.

The rally began at noon, but to gain a perspective of one of the gigantic screens that was broadcasting the on-stage events, you would have had to arrive nearly two hours early. Stewart and Colbert had no idea how many people would show up for the event, which was quite unfortunate for the attendees who were located beyond the range of the speakers. Several times throughout the rally, the crowd would chant “Louder, louder, louder,” at which point the sound technicians would adjust the volume.

Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman, the hosts of Mythbusters, were the first guest speakers to address the audience. They took advantage of the opportunity, and in true form, conducted an

experiment. The Mythbusters incited a “wave” in the audience, one of the largest ever conducted. By comparison, the new Dallas Cowboy stadium has a maximum capacity of 110,000 people. This means that the “wave” at the rally was more than twice that size.

After several hours of guest appearances by Ozzy Osbourne, Sheryl Crow, Kid Rock, Tony Bennett, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and The Roots, Colbert and Stewart took a much more serious tone.

“This was not a rally to ridicule people of faith, or people of activism, or look down our noses at the heartland, or passionate argument, or to suggest that times are not difficult and that we have nothing to fear—they are, and we do,” said Stewart. “But we live now in hard times, not end times. And we can have animus, and not be enemies.”

Stewart’s remarks were reminiscent of his

dialogue on “The Daily Show,” although more critical of what he considers the fear-mongering news networks on cable TV.

“We hear every damned day about how fragile our country is, on the brink of catastrophe, torn by polarizing hate and how it’s a shame that we can’t work together to get things done,” said Stewart. “The truth is, we do! We work together to get things done every damned day! The only place we don’t is here [in Washington, D.C.] or on cable TV!”

“Most Americans don’t live their lives solely as Democrats, Republicans, liberals or conservatives,” said Stewart. “Americans live their lives more as people that are just a little bit late for something they have to do. Often something they do not want to do! But they do it. Impossible things, every day that are only made possible through the little, reasonable compromises we all make.”

Stewart’s point, and thus the point of the rally, was that we hear about the extremists, the criminals, the fanatics, the hate and the differences, but we do not hear about what really keeps America running: you and I. We are constantly bombarded with fear, but we must not be afraid.

The media, in Stewart’s perspective, is “the country’s 24-hour political pundit perpetual panic conflictator.” While it does not cause the problems it reports on, “its existence makes solving them that much harder.”

The rally was so popular that it set a new record for Metro rail trips that day. Preliminary estimates placed the number at 825,437 trips. The previous record was set on June 8, 1991, when Washington hosted a victory celebration for U.S. troops who served in the first Gulf War. On an average Saturday, the D.C. Metro system only provides 350,000 trips.



A view of the U.S. Capitol building from the center of the rally.

Jerad Maplethorpe/Stoutonia

MSC gets a face lift after 25 years

Eric Thorson
Editor-in-chief

Jerad Maplethorpe
News editor

The renovation of the Memorial Student Center is finally about to begin after six years of planning. It has been a rigorous and intensive process for all of those involved, and now the rest of the campus will begin to feel the effects of the project. The MSC will be closing for 12-16 months beginning Dec. 23, however, student organizations that call the building "home" will begin moving out as early as next week.

"There is no better time than now to make the move," said Interim Director of the MSC Darrin Witucki, who took us through the ins and outs of the move/renovation. The current building is not in the greatest of shape, and it has been 25 years since the building had a change of scenery. The original MSC was actually the Communications Technology building, which was constructed in 1959. Witucki has been with the University of Wisconsin-Stout since 2004 and, as of late, has taken on much of the work that came with the move.

The project is being funded by increasing

segregated fees, which are included in every student's tuition. The fees are going to increase this year and will continue to do so for the next two years due to a referendum passed by the Stout Student Association on Oct. 28, 2008. The grand total of the increases will be \$171.88. This works out to be about a 2 percent increase based on a full-time schedule. Combined with money that has already been budgeted to improve the Great Hall and the ballrooms, the total cost of the project will be around \$19 million.

The task will be taken on by two architectural firms: Frisbie Architects Inc., operated out of River Falls, Wis. and Mackey Mitchell Architects from St. Louis, Mo. They were hired November of 2009 to take on the daunting task of renovating the MSC. The plan has evolved from sketches on napkins by lead designer Stephen Pederson to fully detailed blueprints.

Some major changes are in the works, but at the same time, the building will still keep some of the same charm. The bowling alley and the Underground will be gone, which clears up a large amount of square footage to work with. The wood from the bowling alley will be reused in the renovation process; the same can be said for materials from Heritage Hall. This is all part

of the university's efforts to emphasize sustainability during this project.

Some of the new interior finishes will be made out of 100 percent recycled materials, most notably milk bottles. Limestone pillars, which will be featured on the outside of the building, will be purchased from a UW-Stout alumnus that owns a quarry 10 miles away from campus. The plan for the look of the interior is complete, except for what furniture and artwork will be put in the building; those decisions will take place over the summer.

Another major consideration while planning for the new MSC was storage. While talking to other universities who have gone through similar renovations, the most overlooked aspect was storage, Witucki said. The new and improved MSC will have 3200 sq. ft. of storage so that this building does not run into those same issues. There will be a surplus sale held January 4 and 5 to sell off items that will not be moved to either of the temporary relocations or the new MSC itself. Students are encouraged to participate in the surplus sale.

The plan is set and ready to be implemented. Witucki displayed the final layouts that included every detail from which trees need to be removed to how many electrical outlets there will

be. Witucki said that he does not measure the document in pages; he measures it in pounds. The initial blueprint that came to him weighed 24 lbs. Once 35 percent of the plans were complete, there were still 35 pages of comments, which required further revisions to the blueprint. The final, 100 percent-complete plan weighed 34 lbs.

Construction will begin in January 2011 with the tentative completion time being the spring of 2012.

"I have to say, the entire MSC team has been amazing throughout the whole process," said Witucki. "It speaks to the commitment of our full-time staff, but also our amazing student staff. There is no way we can operate the MSC without our student staff, and they step up to the challenge everyday."

Witucki also mentioned the importance of Lucy Nicolai, who was the Director of the MSC but retired on July 16. She spent 27 years at UW-Stout and was a major part of the project through the 35 percent completion stage. In 1985, when the current MSC opened, Nicolai wrapped the entire building in ribbon on its opening day. It is hoped that she will return when the building reopens in 2012 to carry on that tradition.



There will be more seating areas and increased natural light in the new MSC.

Courtesy of Darin Witucki/Stoutonia

The plans for moving out of the MSC

For all students who are wondering where they can find operations and organizations in the next two years that were housed in the Memorial Student Center, here is a list of when and where they are going:

Operation/Department, New Location: Estimated Move Date

- **Bookstore**, Glass Lounge Price Common: Friday, Nov. 19
- **Service Center** Rooms 141 & 143, Price Commons: Monday, Nov. 22
- **Reservations Office** Rooms 130 & 132, Price Commons: Tuesday, Dec. 21
- **Event Services** Rooms 111 & 134, Price Commons: Tuesday, Dec. 21
- **Involvement & Leadership**, 200 E. Main St. Bank Building: Nov. 9-10
- **Stout Student Association (SSA)**, 200 E. Main St. Bank Building: Nov. 9-10
- **Blue Devil Productions (BDP)**, 200 E. Main St. Bank Building: Nov. 9-10
- **Ally Center**, 200 E. Main St. Bank Building: Nov. 9-10
- **Student Organization Center (SOC)**, 200 E. Main St. Bank Building: Nov. 9-10
- **Stoutonia**, 200 E. Main St. Bank Building: Friday, Nov. 19
- **Stout Media**, 200 E. Main St. Bank Building: Nov. 9-10
- **Student Org Storage**, 200 E. Main St. Bank Building: Nov. 9-10

The move from the MSC is turning out to be as labor intensive and tedious as the plan for the renovation. Deciding what to do with every item in a building, from documents to file cabinets that hold them, is a massive job. Each item is branded with a label that describes what it is, where it is going and what type of storage it needs. There are different storage options for different items: cold storage, which basically means it will be stored in a truck, tempered storage for items that can be affected by the elements and the items that will be immediately moved to their new destination.

There is an important crew here at the MSC that has undertaken the task of organizing all these items. Assistant Director of the MSC Dave Karis has been one of the leaders coordinating what needs to be stored, what needs to be sold for surplus and what needs to be moved immediately. Recent University of Wisconsin-Stout graduate student Nick Etten has been hired as a limited term employee to be the inventory coordinator. He has been working with this project so much that he says when he closes his eyes at night, he sees spreadsheets full of inventory. Building and Grounds Superintendent Linda Anderson has been another key person in the move.

"Linda's organization skills and ability to assemble the resources needed to make the move have been critical," said Darrin Witucki, the interim director of the MSC.

Some offices and the bookstore will move to Merle M. Price Commons and will remain until



Overhead look of the new student involvement area.

Courtesy of Darin Witucki/Stoutonia

it is time to return to the MSC. Other organizations such as the SSA and BDP will move into the former First Bank & Trust building on 200 Main St. E. The bank building is one that many students have seen sitting vacant. It has been empty in past years and is located right across the street from the Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts and diagonally across the street from Jeff's Pizza. The university was able to rent the building to house organizations currently in the MSC until the renovations are completed.

Another pivotal person in this moving project is Camp and Conference Coordinator Sue Michels. She has been in charge of implementing the centralized scheduling process and software integration allowing scheduling of meeting and events during the renovation.

"The move, storage and surplus project has been consuming in many ways," said Witucki. "Then you stop to think, this entire semester we've been operating the MSC at our regular high level of performance, hosting events like registration and the career conference."

After six years in the making, it is finally time to say goodbye to the MSC that many of us have spent our entire college careers visiting.

"We are all excited to come back in the spring of 2012," said Witucki. "We can't wait to see peoples' faces when they walk through the doors; the MSC will be transformed and ready for the next 25 years."

Dining changes

Major improvements to students' dining options will happen in the renovated Memorial Student Center. The options on the lower level will include the convenience store, a.k.a. The Pawn, as most students know it. It will continue to be stocked with many of the same items and will be open from 7 a.m. until the building closes. One major change is that the grill and sub stations will open at 10:30 a.m. instead of 3 p.m., as it currently is now. This means you can actually get that Pawn Melt you have been craving when you get out of class at 11 a.m. instead of having to wait until the afternoon.

Another change to The Pawn will be an entire corner devoted to coffee. An espresso machine with standard coffee options will be an improvement on the current coffee situation. There will also be a gas-fired pizza oven offering pizza with hand-made dough made entirely on-site.

The make-your-own sub and salad station will be adjacent to the grill. Subs and salads account for nearly 20 percent of Terrace sales, so there will be increased seating to accommodate the lunch crowd.

Upper-level dining options such as the Terrace will be improved upon as well. An emphasis will be put on catering options for events held at the MSC. China and other dinnerware will be used on the top floor only. Food options include a station that will "stir-cook" to order, ranging from Italian to Asian food.

There will also be a Mexican food option offering standard tacos, salads, quesadillas and also a build-your-own burrito concept similar to Chipotle or Burrrachos. Another grill station will offer upscale burgers and sandwiches, and a special of the day will be available in the "Chef's Corner," located across from the Mexican food station, and menu options will vary depending on the day. Those of you who have grown accustomed to the Heritage menu, do not worry; those soups, salads and sandwiches will be still be available.

Director of University Dining Services, Ann Thies, played an integral role in the planning and logistics of this remodel. A wide variety of options awaits students when the MSC opens back up in 2012.



Calendar of Events

STOUT ADVENTURES - 56 Sports & Fitness Center (232-5625)

- 11/5-7 Wilderness & Remote First Aid with Adult CPR & AED
 11/16 Kayak Deep Water Safety Clinic

INTRAMURAL SPORTS - 41 Sports & Fitness Center (232-1392)

- 11/3-9 Block 2 Registration Opens – Stop by Room 41 to register
 11/10 Block 2 Informational Meeting for teams
 11/12 Whiffleball Tournament

Health & Fitness Center – 53 Sports & Fitness Center – 232-1378

- 11/11 Strongman & Strongwoman Competition – 7:00 p.m. in the MPR
 11/16-18 Toning With Weights – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the HFC

Sport Clubs – 41 Sports & Fitness Center – 232-5356

- 11/8 Sport Club Commission meeting

UW-Stout Women's Ice Hockey Club Schedule

- 11/6 Michigan Tech 4 p.m. at the Dunn County Ice Arena
 11/7 Michigan Tech 10 a.m. at the Dunn County Ice Arena

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**Sagittarius**

If you are looking for love, Sagittarius, this is a prime time for romance. If you are single, you may be feeling rather unfulfilled with the people you meet. You may even be saying to yourself that there just isn't anyone out there for you. That may be how it seems after a long dry spell when potential lovers don't measure up to your expectations. Thank God for the Internet; at least you won't catch anything that way.

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

**Capricorn**

They say living well is the best revenge, but that may not seem like quite enough for you right now. You could be experiencing a sense of resentment for someone in your world. This individual could have betrayed your trust or hurt your feelings in some way. Losing that last Hot Pocket to your roommate isn't worth ruining a friendship.

Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

**Aquarius**

Don't make assumptions or even educated guesses about something important today, Aquarius. Rather than doing the research that's required to resolve a tedious problem, you could be tempted to go with what seems most obvious or logical. Beware, you'll offend Col. Mustard if you assume he did it in the conservatory with the lead pipe. Let the evidence develop before making a hasty judgment.

Feb. 19 - March 20

**Pisces**

Bask in the glow of the attention you are receiving or will soon receive, Pisces. You may feel as though you don't deserve the adoration of someone new in your life - whether it's a romantic interest or just someone who admires your talents and abilities. This is your 15 minutes of fame. Cherish it and milk it for all its worth.

March 21 - April 19

**Aries**

Love relationships are rarely ever easy. Many people compare their romantic commitments to the images of perfect bliss and the easy resolutions to problems that can be found in films, novels and situations depicted on television. You are not Bella and Edward (or Jacob), you are not Noah and Allie, and you are not going to make love on a black sand beach. Make the best of what you got here in Menomonie.

April 20 - May 20

**Taurus**

You are very close to obtaining something you really want. If you could step back and take a look at the big picture, you'd realize that you are just inches... moments... a few breaths away from grasping a dream. Call of Duty: Black Ops comes out next week; you can wait.

May 21 - June 20

**Gemini**

Sometimes the biggest key to success is knowing when to stop. With a current project or goal you are now working toward completing, you have to know when to stop seeking, when to stop arguing, when to stop adjusting and even when to stop trying. The same goes for drinking. The project may be getting drunk, but success is knowing when to stop trying.

June 21 - July 22

**Cancer**

The faith, support, encouragement, solidarity, and genuine affection and love you have for a friend means more to that person than you may realize, Moonchild. Your continued presence in this individual's life has made a change that you can't possibly fathom because you can't see how drastically different it would be without you. On a side note, what were your parents smoking when they named you Moonchild?

July 23 - Aug. 22

**Leo**

You may be feeling especially troubled by the state of the world, Leo. This may result in anything from an occasional sense of melancholy to a deep sadness for the darker aspects of life as it is today on Earth. You may be longing for a simpler time when there was less crime, less violence and less dishonesty. It's all the (insert political party)'s fault.

Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

**Virgo**

They say that love is blind. This means that a foolhardy person in love may fail to see the reality of the individual that he or she adores. There could be many reasons for this. First, some people want love so badly they are willing to overlook incompatibility, temperamental outbursts, unfaithfulness, dishonesty and a host of other painful possibilities. Second, it's unfortunate that cell phones work past midnight.

Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

**Libra**

Make sure that you count to 10 before you say anything controversial today, Libra. You may be in a feisty mood, but lashing out and saying the wrong thing could wind up costing you in terms of friendship and even business. Think twice before you moon your boss and decide to drunk dial your grandma; you'll lose the Henderson account and that crisp \$5 bill you get on your birthday.

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

**Scorpio**

You are a master at keeping a secret, Scorpio. You go to great lengths to protect your own privacy, and also to be discreet when it comes to confidential information that is shared with you. Sometimes, though, you keep too much hidden. What happens in Menomonie, stays in Menomonie.

H O R O S C O P E S

Riptides of Revolution: Americans caught in the undercurrent

Robert Kempainen*Opinions Editor*

Throughout the history of the United States, men and women have marched in opposition to the oppressions of their times in the hopes of crafting a new and better future for the commonwealth of this nation. The basis for our government's existence is in the Constitution of the United States. We hold elections every two years so that this promise of democracy will continue and we can hold our politicians accountable. The wave of politicians promising revolutionary reform is back in business. On Tuesday, Nov. 2, the wave inevitably broke, and, once again, the American people are stuck in the undercurrents.

America is a nation that is always moving forward, mostly while someone else is bickering. By making investments in industry and enacting certain laws and regulations, our government makes progress by attempting to enhance the freedoms and livelihoods of its citizens. We address problems through our governing systems at the local, state and national level. When majorities agree, they take action. The reforms however, are never immediate and the founders intended it to be this way to prevent radical change from occurring. Now, what's the problem with that? I would say that nothing, but the reality is that we live in an impatient world, and a lot of voters have short tempers.

America's political pendulum can be explained by a lack of patience and trust in our government to carry out the essential tasks for better security and prosperity. The irony of American political philosophy is that Americans are an ambivalent people; we change our minds quite often, and, unfortunately, that can be quite detrimental to a nation. From an outsider's perspective, America's last two election winners represent two very opposite agendas, but coincidentally, the path to victory was eerily similar.

Here is why. While Barack Obama campaigned as an anti-establishment, revolutionary "voice of the people" candidate, most republicans (except for Ron Paul) chose to defend the establishment. During the Bush years, it was progressives who fought to revolutionize the system of government, and it was the democrats who jumped on the biggest deficit increase in American history under George W. Bush's policies. Obama was elected with an overwhelming majority and promised to make fundamental changes to our government.

That was then. Fast forward two years and you might believe for a second the world was flipped upside down. The republicans just reclaimed the House of Representatives with an overwhelming majority. They campaigned (for two years) as

the anti-establishment, revolutionary "voice of the people" party. They came out in Tea Party droves to protest big government and an excessive amount of deficit spending in Washington. Now, it is the republicans who want to fundamentally transform our system of government.

So, what has happened? Why has the first revolution of the establishment been overshadowed by a second revolution of the same establishment? To explain this, I like to use the metaphor of Obama telling an American to drink a V-8 beverage. When he first explained the "drink" back in 2008, it was full of vegetables and nutrients and all sorts of goodies. It had a good package and everything on the label sounded perfect. After Obama was elected however, and people got a taste of these policy goodies, most people said that it was the grossest thing they'd ever tasted—there's too much packed into one drink. At first they reject the V-8, but with a little patience and perseverance, they soon realized the benefits and acquire a taste for it. The more they drank, the better they felt.

Americans liked what they heard back in 2008; but they didn't like what they tasted in 2009. I'm no political scientist, but I would attribute a lot of this rapid anti-government movement to a fear of the unknown. When the economy is moving slower than Al Bundy, I would be nervous too. But there is more than that. A healthy majority of

Americans' anger can be attributed to an impatience and skepticism with the stimulus bill and the passing of the biggest piece of health care legislation in history.

The funny thing is that nothing Obama has done was unexpected. He campaigned to reform the injustices of the health system. He campaigned to end the war in Iraq. He campaigned to invest in green technology. He campaigned to give students an easier path to a higher education. He campaigned to give tax cuts for 95 percent of Americans. And, as President, he consulted both liberal and conservative economists when he took measures to save the economic system from falling apart.

Americans have yet to rally behind a common solution to the problems of the 21st century. In fact, this election has showed that it seems like they are doing quite the opposite, again. There are a multitude of problems that need to get dealt with. Our political discourse can't keep going through these riptides of revolution if we expect to solve the real problems anytime soon. I hope the next two years in Washington turn out to be more benevolent than what's expected. Americans are hurting, and the last thing they need is another undercurrent taking away their newly acquired health insurance.

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The great Favre debate

The man, the myth, the Favre

Josh Fritz

SSA Organizational Affairs Director

When thinking of Brett Favre, I cannot utter anything worse than the truth. Brett Favre is a Viking. This is a fact that many Wisconsinites still cannot cope with. I have come to terms with this and staunchly support the career of the quarterback who holds nearly every record, both good and bad. It should have ended earlier; however, you have to admire a man who will play through any injury without painkillers at the age of 41. This is a time where any other NFL quarterback would be milking endorsement deals or already have an established commentary role calling games.

Favre is not without his own demons: sex scandals, drug addictions, the death of family member and being disowned by the people who once saw him as their shining star. I am eagerly anticipating a movie about Favre's life and career; the public soap opera Favre has lived could not have been written by any Hollywood writers. Through it all, Favre has persevered and done what he loves: played football. In some instances, these moments of adversity have even produced the best games of his career. Arguably Favre's best game came on Dec. 22, 2003, the day after his father died. In this game, Favre threw four touchdowns in the first half alone and ended with 399 total yards. I only hope I can deal with the trials and tribulations of my life half as well as Favre has dealt with his, but I always have his inspiration: "I consider adversity being good sometimes, you know."

What I always come back to is being as little as I can remember and every Sunday sitting down for the Packers game. Favre was the only quarterback I ever saw. Whenever he would scramble, there was a nervous tension in the room awaiting two possibilities: elation for an unparalleled game winning reception or an interception that would end the game. This continued into high school; my friends and I would joke with things like "In Favre we trust." In card games a four could even trump an ace. Favre even led us to the NFC Championship game in his final season. The Packers lost this game to the eventual Super Bowl Champion New York Jets, but Packer Nation was still amassed behind their fearless leader. The last few years have been very awkward as I refuse to cheer against Favre, but I wholeheartedly cheer against the Vikings. It looks as though I will not have to fret anymore as Favre's final retirement looms in the shadows, and we can once again rejoice in his records and not when he went to play for the most hated enemy.

No purple for old men

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Editor-in-chief

He was one of the greatest quarterbacks of all time, statistically speaking. There was one time when he was not the greatest, when it mattered most. Packer fans, he ripped your heart out in the 2007-08 season when he threw that interception in overtime against the New York Giants in the NFC championship game. The saga should have ended there. Just a year later, he did the same thing in a purple jersey against the Saints in an NFC championship game; again, he should have hung it up.

Favre's ego was too big to end his career on an interception after either of those games. Herein lies the real issue with Favre: his ego is too big and he is held to a higher regard than other players in the league just because he is number 4.

Take a touchdown celebration. Favre can run around like a kid with his finger in the air, tackling his teammates, and the announcers in the booth admire his "child-like" love for the game. Then you have Miles Austin leapfrog over a teammate and he gets a penalty for excessive celebration, or Randy Moss does something "child-like" by fake mooning and Joe Buck calls it a disgrace. Why is Favre held to a different standard than any other player in the league?

Packer fans, you should be ashamed of yourselves as well. Someone who led you to a Super Bowl victory is now being booed when he steps foot onto Lambeau Field. Where is the appreciation for what he did? Minnesota fans keep true to those who have done us right. For example, when Kevin Garnett got traded to Boston no one besides maybe Celtic fans cheered harder when he got his championship. He never forgot his roots either when one of the first things out of his mouth in a postgame interview was, "This one's for 'sota."

Favre is no model American. He just plays one on Wrangler commercials. What a treat it must be for Deanna to hear all about this situation with Jenn Sterger. Deanna is the same cancer survivor who held Favre's hand while he battled drinking problems and an addiction to Vicodin. Did you Favre lovers forget about that episode of his life? Now he's "allegedly" taking pictures of his member and shooting them out to women in their twenties.

He falls down from a strong breeze nowadays. He had his time; let the Joe Webb era begin.



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Tea party trumps Washington

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On Nov. 2, 2010, a midterm election took place in which the conservative parties, Republican and Tea, took control in the U.S. House of Representatives. In addition, the conservative gubernatorial candidates took control of states across the country. What does this mean for our country and for the policies that have been placed on us in Washington, D.C. for the past two years? This could possibly bring a change in the direction our country is heading and a change in attitude in the voting population. It is very clear, however, that American citizens have retreated from big government and have turned toward much more fiscally conservative, small government candidates to represent them on a federal level.

In the past two years, the democratically-controlled House, Senate and Obama Administration have contributed massively to our national debt, passed a stimulus bill that has not worked, weakened our national defense and passed a massive health care bill that will only further weaken our economy. Obviously, this is not what the general public wanted, and it is clear

from the results of this election that democracy is working the way it was intended to work; the people do not want the politicians that have done this, so they voted them out.

We should not expect to see a reversal of what has happened very quickly though. The Senate and the administration are still controlled by democrats. This will make it very difficult to get anything passed or reversed from the two previous years. We should not expect to see much coming out of Washington, D.C. unless it is a big issue that the country unanimously agrees on. In some cases, this will be good; it will keep every issue from becoming polarized and forced through with the party that has the majority vote. Instead, issues will be forced to be debated, changed and a piece of legislation that is relevant will come out with aspects that will be agreed upon from both sides of the aisle.

This election truly does mark a turning point in our country's direction. We need to continue to hold our representatives accountable for what they do in Washington, D.C. We also need to make sure the legislation being passed is what America wants: smaller government, less taxes and the liberties that will follow with it.

A journey to restore ones sanity

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When I first heard about the Rally to Restore Sanity and/or Fear, I honestly never thought that I'd end up going to Washington D.C. Granted, I really wanted to go, but I didn't think I would have the money to get across the country to attend the rally.

As luck would have it, however, I came into some cash a few weeks before the rally. With a friend of mine longing to go, I decided that it would be a good idea to team up and go with him to Washington D.C. I also mentioned the idea to my girlfriend and my friend Evan mentioned the trip to his girlfriend, and we all agreed that it was something that none of us wanted to miss.

My companions and I decided that it was probably a bad idea to fly because of the prices and the availability of tickets for this rally, so we decided to take the 16-hour ride to our nation's capital.

Late Thursday afternoon, we finally arrived in D.C., blurry-eyed and exhausted. By now, I was just dreading the drive home and was wondering if this trip was even going to be worth the horrible, tiring drive back. Needless to say, I hit the sack early and got a bit of shut-eye.

Friday was much better. It was more relaxing and involved my girlfriend and I sightseeing around our nation's capital. All around us, though, we kept hearing whispers. People would grin sheepishly at one another and ask, "Are you here for the rally, too?" and, "This rally's going to be huge."

Every time I heard someone talk about the rally, I got butterflies in my stomach. Maybe it was just nerves, maybe it was pride for being part of something so big, but each time I



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heard about it, a jolt of energy shot through my system. It was only later that I found out that over 200,000 people had come out to Washington, D.C. to rally, and I was excited to be among them.

I knew the next day would be very tiring but completely worth the 1,000-mile drive.

I woke up on Saturday feeling excited and empowered. This was my first rally and the first time that I would be a part of something so large. The metros were packed at 9 a.m., and my girlfriend and I started making our way toward the capital building from the Smithsonian. We pressed ourselves right against the barricade

and made ourselves comfortable waiting for the rally to begin.

Some people were in costume in honor of Halloween and just watching all the people gathering became amusing.

When noon rolled around the rally kicked off with The Roots playing a few songs, followed by the two hosts of "Mythbusters," Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman, coming out and performing a few experiments for the crowd.

After coaxing Stephen Colbert out of his "underground fear bunker," Jon Stewart and Colbert went on a three-hour comedy spree, combining a serious message of moderation with a

crazy spectacle of humor.

Throughout the show there were several musical guests, including Ozzy Osbourne, John Legend, Kid Rock, Cheryl Crowe, Yusuf Islam and The O'Jays.

It wasn't until the final 15 minutes of the rally that the tone changed from silly to serious. Stewart commented on cable news networks, saying, "The country's 24-hour political pundit perpetual panic conflictinator did not cause our problems, but its existence makes solving them that much harder. The press can hold its magnifying up to our problems bringing them into focus, illuminating issues heretofore unseen, or they can use that magnifying glass to light ants on fire and then perhaps host a week of shows on the sudden, unexpected, dangerous flaming ant epidemic. If we amplify everything, we hear nothing." This, in my opinion, exemplified many of the reasons people joined hands in Washington, D.C.

At the end of the rally, I felt strangely calm and enlightened, as if someone else had understood the frustration that I had been feeling for quite some time and had punctured a hole in it, letting it seep slowly out.

Afterward, the metros were jammed for two hours with rally-goers pouring out of the national mall.

On the way home, I felt a strange kind of Zen that lasted almost the entire way back to Wisconsin, a sense of understanding renewed—it was a wonderful feeling. This rally will be remembered as an attempt to satirically shout reason to those who take Glenn Beck seriously. I will remember this rally from ten or twenty years from now, and I certainly hope that my sanity lasts that long.

Proposition 19: Recreational marijuana use remains illegal for now

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On Nov. 2, 2010, California offered its citizens the opportunity to legalize marijuana for recreational use, which would eliminate the need to apply for a medical marijuana card. The recreational use of marijuana is always a sticky, complicated subject, but it does not have to be. It all boils down to two main points: the economic advantages of legalization and the freedom of choice.

California has a current deficit of approximately \$20.7 billion. The state is in dire need of a reliable source of income and that is exactly what the legalization of marijuana offers: a sustainable, renewable, taxable, environmentally friendly product that has the potential to create an entirely new, untapped market.

Instead of California pouring millions into enforcing the prohibition of marijuana, the state could create an entirely new industry,

which would create jobs for marketers, cultivators, distributors, entrepreneurs, retailers and other currently non-existent opportunities.

The current law that prohibits the recreational use of marijuana does not reflect California's culture. Of those who voted, 44 percent favored passing Proposition 19. No, this is not the majority, but the majority's decision is not what should matter. What should really matter is the right to choose. Everyone is entitled to his or her own opinion about the legalization of marijuana, but those opinions



should not affect the law. After all, alcohol and cigarettes have been scientifically proven harmful and yet, there is no doubt that these products will always be legal because citizens want the choice to drink or smoke regardless of other people's opinions.

Legalizing marijuana for recreational use is a major change and, as such, it needs to be implemented intelligently and with the concerns of the opposition in mind. As an initial starting point, marijuana use should be enforced similar to alcohol. This

is not because the effects are necessarily the same, but rather because it will offer some peace of mind to those who are concerned about its legalization. In addition, a portion of the taxes collected from marijuana sales could go to state-run drug treatment centers that would be free to the public. This system would offer the marijuana industry the ability to help treat those who suffer from drug addiction.

The legalization of marijuana for recreational use failed this time around, but those that support it will continue making it a relevant issue that demands national attention. Marijuana will be legalized someday, but that time will only come once enough people realize that we must not operate this country by what we are not allowed to do, but rather by the choices that we make, of which the consequences are our own to deal with. We need not a government that protects us from ourselves and our decisions.



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That's What I Call Music! A look at the recent history of American music through the lens of the "NOW!" series

Andrew Vogl
Entertainment Editor

Remember back in 1998 when you first saw those commercials for "Now That's What I Call Music! Vol. 1?" Did you ever think that 12 years later you would see a commercial for "Now That's What I Call Music! Vol. 36?" Although the series sloughed off and out of the platinum status it once held, it is still there, chugging along, consistently releasing three albums every year. What is even more amazing is that the UK version, which began releasing albums back in 1983, is now on Vol. 76! Here is a look back on some of the U.S. "Now!" compilations throughout the years.

The first installment in the U.S. version of the series provided a great cross-section of American music in the late 90s. On one hand, pop music was beginning to dominate the alt-grunge movement and MTV was slowly moving away from its rock n' roll, "Beavis and Butthead," music television roots and toward the "Total Recall Live"/"Real World" pop music era. On the other hand, alt-rock bands like Radiohead and Everclear still enjoyed commercial success and held their ground against the invasion of pop icons like Hanson and the Spice Girls. The "Now!" compilation simply provided a snapshot of the Billboard Charts and did not discriminate between genres, effectively presenting an awkwardly eclectic view into the popular music scene in 1998.

"Now That's What I Call Music! Vol. 1"

Released: Oct. 27, 1998

Track List:

1. "Together Again" – Janet
2. "As Long as You Love Me" – Backstreet Boys
3. "The Way" – Fastball
4. "Flagpole Sitta" – Harvey Danger
5. "Say You'll Be There" – Spice Girls
6. "All My Life" – K-Ci & JoJo
7. "Never Ever" – All Saints
8. "If You Could Only See" – Tonic
9. "MMMBop" – Hanson
10. "Zoot Suit Riot" – Cherry Poppin' Daddies
11. "Shorty (You Keep Playin' with My Mind)" – Imajin
12. "Anytime" – Brian McKnight
13. "Barbie Girl" – Aqua
14. "Karma Police" – Radiohead
15. "I Will Buy You a New Life" – Everclear
16. "Fly Away" – Lenny Kravitz
17. "Sex & Candy" – Marcy Playground



Later on in the series, the music selection became less diverse and began reflecting the domination of pop in American mainstream music. By 2002, alternative rock music was a mere blip on the radar compared to the huge success of boy bands, Latin heartthrobs and Britney Spears. The era of teenie boppers and pop icon worshippers was in full swing. Coincidentally, this was also the year American R&B singer R. Kelly was indicted on 14 counts of child pornography after a tape leaked by the Chicago Sun-Times that allegedly showed him urinating on a 14-year-old girl. The case did not go to trial until 2008, when a Chicago jury found Kelly not guilty on all 14 counts. The fiasco dented Kelly's stardom but did not stop him from appearing on six different "Now!" compilations.

"Now That's What I Call Music! Vol. 10"

Released: July 23, 2002

Track List:

1. "Overprotected" – Britney Spears
2. "Can't Get You out of My Head" – Kylie Minogue
3. "Escape" – Enrique Iglesias
4. "I've Got You" – Marc Anthony
5. "Girlfriend" – NSYNC ft. Nelly
6. "I'm Gunna Be Alright" – Jennifer Lopez ft. Nas
7. "Don't Say Goodbye" – Paulina Rubio
8. "Move It Like This" – Baha Men
9. "More Than a Woman" – Aaliyah
10. "Uh Huh" – B2K
11. "Always on Time" – Ja Rule ft. Ashanti
12. "Sugarhigh" – Jade Anderson
13. "Halfcrazy" – Musiq
14. "Underneath Your Clothes" – Shakira
15. "A Thousand Miles" – Vanessa Carlton
16. "A New Day Has Come" – Celine Dion
17. "We Are All Made of Stars" – Moby
18. "First Date" – blink-182
19. "Stillness of Heart" – Lenny Kravitz
20. "How You Remind Me" – Nickelback

Now here we are, 12 years later, with "Now! Vol. 36." Nothing too surprising about the newest of the series; the compilers basically stuck to the standard list of 20 chart-topping hits. However, there are a few tracks that caught my eye, one being "Bang Pop" by a group with Minnesotan roots, Free Energy. The interesting thing is that Free Energy is still a relatively unknown band; they have not had any chart-topping hits yet. The only reason I know of them is because they are from Minnesota and I happened to catch one of their previous band's shows a while back. This is an interesting approach "Now!" has taken on and what Andy Kellman of Allmusic referred to as, "Tomorrow that's what I might call music." They seem to be inserting tracks here and there from up-and-coming bands to balance out the fact that many people already know and probably own all of the other songs, or they just watch them on YouTube.

"Now That's What I Call Music! Vol. 36"

Release Date: Nov. 9, 2010

Track List:

1. "Teenage Dream" – Katy Perry
2. "DJ Got Us Fallin' in Love" – Usher ft. Pitbull
3. "Take It Off" – Kesha
4. "If I Had You" – Adam Lambert
5. "Dynamite" – Taio Cruz
6. "Just a Dream" – Nelly
7. "Deuces" – Chris Brown ft. Tyga & Kevin McCall
8. "Magic" – B.o.B. ft. Rivers Cuomo
9. "Memories" – David Guetta ft. Kid Cudi
10. "Misery" – Maroon 5
11. "Animal" – Neon Trees
12. "Secrets" – OneRepublic
13. "King of Anything" – Sara Bareilles
14. "The Only Exception" – Paramore
15. "September" – Daughtry
16. "Stuck Like Glue" – Sugarland
17. "Maybe" – Sick Puppies
18. "Bang Pop" – Free Energy
19. "Tennessee" – Secret Sisters
20. "Suspicious Minds" – Elvis Presley



Rosie's redbox REVIEW

The Girl Who Played with Fire

Rating: ★★★★★☆

Roseanne Meier
Staff Writer

"The Girl Who Played with Fire" is a film directed by Daniel Alfredson and is originally the second book in Stieg Larsson's hit "Millennium" trilogy. Although its predecessor, "The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo," was a bigger hit, don't let its sequel pass you by. This action and suspense film will keep you on your toes with its stunning artistic aura and strong cast.

Lisbeth Salander (Noomi Rapace) is being accused of a triple killing that is connected to a sex trafficking investigation conducted by "Millennium" magazine. Everyone is out to get Salander, except for a "Millennium" journalist, Mikael Blomkvist (Michael Nyqvist), who is convinced she is innocent. Blomkvist is convinced that Alexander Zalachenko (Georgi Staykov) is guilty of the murders and is

committed to tracking him down, even though the police don't want him medaling in the case.

The film races with time to create a suspenseful effect; is Salander innocent and, if so, can Blomkvist save her before the police catch up to her? A long the way we learn more about Salander and some dark family secrets.

"The Girl Who Played with Fire" benefits having such an outstanding cast. Rapace captures Lisbeth's extreme personality and sex appeal, which makes it hard to look away, and Nyqvist and Staykov seal the deal as the supporting cast.

It might be in your best interest to go with the dubbed version over English subtitles; this Swedish film relies on more of a visual aspect to keep you intrigued than a mess of dialogue to catch up with. It's an intriguing and artistic film that will leave you waiting for the third film of the trilogy, "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest."



Runtime: 2 hr 9 min

Box Office: \$7,600,000

Rated: R

Old-Fashioned Veggie Beef Stew

Use vegetables on hand for this tasty slow-cooked beef stew. The condensed beef broth keeps it flavorful, and the wine adds a little zing. If you don't have wine, more beef broth or water will work fine.

Ingredients:

- * 1 1/2 to 2 pounds stewing beef, cut in 1/2 to 1-inch cubes
- * 2 to 3 medium potatoes, cubed
- * 1 medium turnip, cubed
- * 1 cup sliced carrots
- * 1/2 cup chopped onions
- * 1/4 to 1/2 cup sliced celery
- * 1/2 to 1 cup sliced mushrooms
- * 1/2 cup butter beans or lima beans
- * 1 can (10 1/2 ounces) condensed beef broth
- * 1/4 cup red wine
- * 1/2 teaspoon salt
- * 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- * pinch thyme
- * 3 tablespoons flour blended with 1/4 cup water
- * 1/2 cups frozen mixed vegetables, corn, or peas, (optional)



Preparation:

In slow cooker, combine beef, potatoes, turnip, carrots, onions, celery, mushrooms, butter beans, beef broth, wine, salt, and pepper. Cover and cook on low for nine to 12 hours, or on high for five to six hours. Add thyme and frozen mixed vegetables, corn, or peas, thawed, if using. Pour liquids into a medium saucepan and simmer to reduce slightly. If desired, skim off excess fat. Add the flour and water mixture and simmer until thickened. Add back to vegetables and continue cooking on low until serving time. Serves six.

The SKINNY

Upcoming Events:

Bad Animal
w/ The Johnnies
Thursday, Nov. 4 @ 9 p.m. in
the Underground. FREE

The Keep
Friday, Nov. 12 @ 7 p.m.
at The Blind Munchies
Coffeehouse. FREE. 16+

Corey Chowder
w/ Joel Kachel
Thursday, Nov. 11 @
8 p.m. in the Under-
ground. FREE

Free Movie: Inception
Friday, Nov. 12 @ 6 & 9 p.m.
in APPA 210
FREE

Live Band Karaoke
Thursday, Nov. 18 @ 8 p.m. in
the Underground
FREE

Sexfist
Thursday, Nov. 18 @ 10 p.m.
at the Waterfront
21+

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GameStop is finally here! | Power to the players

Hassan Javaid
Staff writer

Gamers at the University of Wisconsin-Stout looking for their next gaming fix will be pleased to learn of the opening of a new GameStop store in Menomonie. The new store replaces the previous game store, GameQuest, and is located right next to Radio Shack and Dollar Tree in the Red Cedar Plaza.

The store opened after a six-week construction period. Business already seems to be great, if only because of the friendly and helpful staff at the store. Surprisingly, many customers are not high school or college students.

Previously, gamers looking to buy games would have to either go to the expensive and overpriced GameQuest or make due with the limited selection at Walmart. With the arrival of GameStop, gamers in Menomonie have a whole string of different avenues and options available to them.

Gamers can finally pre-order a game and pay for it in full before the game even releases, making the possibility of planned spending a reality. Added to that, the new GameStop has a variety of older, used games with plenty of good deals and a variety of used consoles. If the amazing deals are not enough, GameStop has recently even started what they call a "PowerUp" program to replace their Edge cards. This new program allows you to win

points for every purchase and redeem them for cash on GameStop's website. This new offer is sure to give Best Buy a run for its money.

Perhaps the biggest and most important feature that this new store brings is the distance factor. People might love GameStop, but the deal is sweetened when they do not have to travel all the way to Eau Claire or the Twin Cities in order to get their games. With the new store, everything is a lot closer to home, including midnight launches.

As of now, it is confirmed that the local GameStop will host two major midnight launch parties for the upcoming and soon-to-be-released "Fable III" and "Call of Duty: Black Ops." They will be pulling out all the stops with things like pizza, drinks and gamer get-togethers at the launch parties.

For gamers, this store can only mean good things; better more affordable and affordable games, and probably a few missed homework assignments. We gamers welcome GameStop to the town of Menomonie.



Recent Releases:

- Fallout New Vegas for PS3/X360/PC
- Vanquish for PS3/X360
- DBZ Tenaichi Tag Team for PSP
- Naruto Shippuden: Ultimate Ninja Storm 2 for PS3/X360
- Fable III for X360
- Pro Evolution Soccer 2011 for PS3/X360
- Star Wars: The Force Unleashed II for PS3/X360/PC/Wii
- Rock Band 3 for PS3/x360/Wii
- GTA IV: Complete Edition for PS3/X360

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Kingdom Hearts | Birth By Sleep

Hassan Javaid
Staff writer



Mixing Disney with "Final Fantasy" is like mixing ketchup with chocolate; anyone can tell you it is a bad idea. Ignoring common sense and any form of good taste, acclaimed video game company Square-Enix merged its most popular role playing game (RPG) franchise with the cute, luscious and magical world of Disney. This decision led to the creation of one of the most

popular action RPGs ever, much to everyone's surprise. This game was "Kingdom Hearts," a game that would go on to entice many with its exploration of the worlds of acclaimed RPG "Final Fantasy" franchise and the equally iconic and popular titles from Disney.

One full-blown sequel and a ton of spin-off titles later, we have the latest entry in the franchise, "Kingdom Hearts: Birth By Sleep." Serving as a prequel to the entire series, "Birth By Sleep" is the first "Kingdom Hearts" to appear on the PlayStation Portable and perhaps one of the best games for the portable console to date.

"Birth By Sleep" tells the tale of three young Keyblade wielders, Ventus, Terra and Aqua. All three have separate storylines that intertwine with one another to make for a very complex adventure. "Birth By Sleep" largely fills in a lot of the gaps from earlier games in the series and then goes on to add a few new ones like any good prequel would.

The story for this game is really one of the highlights of the experience, and for fans of the "Kingdom Hearts" franchise, there is a lot to be excited about. From cameos of notable "Kingdom Hearts" characters who have yet to become their eventual destined selves, to new Disney worlds to explore, "Kingdom Hearts:

Birth By Sleep" hits all the right notes that has made the franchise so popular. Not only that, the game adds an extra layer of depth by having players discover new things about the story of the game and even the franchise by playing through each of the three characters. This makes what could have been a repetitive venture a very rewarding one instead.

Notably absent from the game is the inclusion of any "Final Fantasy" characters or worlds, a growing trend in the series. The lack of "Final Fantasy" is sad, but the game makes up for it by focusing on the characters and mythos from the "Kingdom Hearts" series itself. It is also worth noting that this is a game designed to appeal to the (rather large) "Kingdom Hearts" fan base. Newcomers to the series beware; this is not the best title to pick for jumping into the series. The plot will have you scratching your head, confused and bewildered, unless you have prior knowledge from at least the series' first two games, "Kingdom Hearts I" and "Kingdom Hearts II."

Story aside, one thing that "Birth By Sleep" really nails this time around is the game play. The battle system for this game trumps all its predecessors and is perhaps the strongest and most deep battle system to date. Added to that, each of the three characters in the game play

very differently, leading to a great deal of variety in the game; Ventus specializes in quick, speedy attacks; Aqua is primarily a magic caster; Terra relies on his brute strength. Each character has his or her own fighting style with tons of moves, abilities and spells to unlock. Adding even more depth to an already great fighting system is the "Finishing Command Styles" system. Making a somewhat return from "Kingdom Hearts II," these styles are unleashed by powering up a meter with consecutive attacks which then go on to add flashy powers and special effects, leading into a devastating finishing move.

While the game is a lot about beating down the Unversed ("Birth by Sleep's" version of the Heartless), there are also puzzles and other interesting things that you get to do. Scenarios like taking Snow White through the Evil Forest to the Dwarves' house, or making Cinderella's gown are only some of the events players can experience. Added to that are exceptional boss fights, with memorable Disney characters like Captain Hook, The Spirit of the Mirror (Snow White) and Maleficent as a Dragon, making this a game doused in Disney nostalgia.

"Birth By Sleep" also suffers from the same issues that plagued the series in general. There

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Halloween Kindness



Andrew Vogl/Stoutonia

Jason Simonsen of Simey's Premier Realty Executives Team made hundreds of families happy this Halloween by passing out free pumpkins from the back of his famous moving truck.

Kingdom Hearts

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are often moments where the game is reduced to nothing more than simple button mashing. Even more of an annoyance is the camera, which can sometimes obstruct your view and cause you to get attacked from behind. These are small issues, though, for what is arguably one of the most impressive portable system games ever.

On the topic of impressive, "Kingdom Hearts: Birth By Sleep" looks amazing, especially because it is a portable game. With graphics that could easily trump the past PlayStation 2 games in the series, this is definitely one of the best looking games on the PSP. The graphics do come at a steep price though, as the game has very long load times. These long load times can be slightly improved by turning on a few settings or installing the game onto your PSP memory stick. The turned up settings do, however, eat your battery power.

The rest of the production values are equally impressive, with some great music and strong voice acting for the many iconic characters in the game. The art direction and level design is just as impressive and is definitely of the same high standard that fans have come to expect from the series.

All in all, with a very strong and immersive story, addictive and polished game play and great production values, "Kingdom Hearts: Birth By Sleep" is a must-buy for anyone who is even remotely interested in the "Kingdom Hearts" franchise. It also stands as one of the best, technically impressive and entertainingly enjoyable games to come out of the PSP.



Jeff Scanlon | Film festival winner

Roseanne Meier
Staff Writer

Jeff Scanlon, the spokesman for Kaze Films, is the winner of Best Sound Design from Quiet on the Set: MELSA (Metropolitan Library Service Agency) public libraries' short film competition centered in the Twin Cities. The short film "Solace" is directed by Scanlon, and competed against 68 other entries in the second annual film competition.

Kaze Films is comprised of University of Wisconsin-Stout students Jeff Scanlon, Andy Moe and Dan Thiede. Scanlon is also the film and special events director for Blue Devil Productions and has a passion for filmmaking. Kiara Carlson, also a member of Kaze Films, is the lead actress in "Solace." Carlson's passion for film is seen in her performance.

"Our original idea was that we were going to do something completely artistic and not much to do with the library," Scanlon said. "It was a challenge. We had to meet certain requirements for the competition."

After Kaze Films switched its ideas around for the competition, the company was proud of the outcome.

"Out of the 68 films, "Solace" was one of the 12 that was shown to a crowd of at least 500 people," said Scanlon. "The concept was about how sound affects you both positively and negatively."

Kaze Films says the noise and chaos of the city is in an individual's hands.

"It is your choice to break down or break through. It's not a matter of escape by running away. It is the courage to stand in your strength, know your truth - be in the world, not of it. May you find solace," says Kaze Films.

"The thing that's really interesting about our film is that it was all about the sound," said Scanlon. "I literally stayed up all night editing the film and messing with the sound because I knew it was such an important aspect of the film. We looped a lot of stuff and manipulated the sound a bit, but the sound itself was all taken from the city."

"We had a couple months for coming up with

the idea, but we shot and edited everything within two weeks," said Scanlon. "We didn't use any sound equipment for the design. No microphones, it was all just a camera."

Today, Kaze Films is ready to move on to new projects.

"Kaze Films has started to grow, and we are in the process of a very big project - a five to 10 minute short film in hopes of doing a full-length film," said Scanlon. "It's not something that we are just throwing together; we are trying to pursue this into something greater."

Kaze Films is taking steps to boost the company without losing its values and passion for its work.

"We're a small, self-made production company in the Midwest, with nothing more than hopes or dreams," said Scanlon. "We never want to take out the integrity and artistic aspect. We want to do something that we're proud of, and what we believe is right between the four of us. We are four individuals who are one."

Kaze Films enjoys making films for fun as well as for friends.

"We want our movies to be for the people, but they are also for us," said Scanlon.

Could anyone approach Kaze Films to make a film?

"If they have a really good idea, but they don't have the film production company, we would consider it if it falls into what we believe in," said Carlson. "We have a forward thinking aspect to what we do."

To keep Kaze Films afloat, the company has been exploring the option of doing commercials for businesses. With one successful commercial completed under their belts, the filmmakers are ready for more.

You can find more films produced by Kaze Films at <http://vimeo.com/14196147> or check out its Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/Kaze-Films/165515696806536>.



Above: Screen shots taken from Jeff Scanlon's Vimeo online video casting site.

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Wicked stunt skills: A cheer team story

Jodi Larson
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout cheer team is making an impact on campus promoting school spirit and enthusiasm at athletic, fundraising and promotional events. The cheer team can be seen at many Blue Devil sporting events performing acrobatic and gymnastic moves for the crowds enjoyment. A sporting event such as a football game is never complete without an entertaining cheer break, where the school can collectively show its pride.

According to the UW-Stout athletic website, "The program promotes school spirit while building team members' morale and self-esteem and developing leadership skills, physical fitness and self-discipline. It develops organizational cheer, stunt and dance skills, while teaching its members to accept constructive criticism as a team."

Cheerleading involves gymnastics, flexibility, jumps, stunts, motions and cheering all at once. It can be very challenging and complex, requiring strength, agility and lots of practice. Practice is considered vital when building a successful squad.

The wide range of skills involved in cheerleading leaves no doubt that cheerleading requires many talents. To perform these activities, the team must be as strong as any football player, poised as any dancer and flexible as the best gymnasts; these are exceptional athletes by every definition. The UW-Stout cheer team is doing just that by its dedication to support-

ing Blue Devil athletics through exceptional performances and enthusiastic cheers.

The Blue Devil cheerleaders are a competitive co-ed team that proudly performs at all home football games, men's and women's basketball games, fundraisers, summer camps, as well as school and community events. The cheer team tries to keep every crowd entertained while



Kelly Ann Boberg/Contributed Photo
The cheer team performs a pyramid partner stunt.

spreading school spirit and motivation for the team members.

This year's captains are seniors Lindsay Lockman and Michelle Dora. Both captains have been leaders on the team, fulfilling many of the responsibilities and duties of a coach by organizing practices, fundraising and cheers. Both say they are very proud of the team and its dedication to supporting Blue Devil athletics and training for competitions.

The team this year is young with an underclassmen majority. There is a lot of potential in learning new routines and performing harder stunts. Lockman said, "The younger girls are catching on really well; the team works well together with all its different characteristics and dynamics. There is a lot of depth to the team this year, which I am proud of."

The program has been growing and becoming more competitive every year. Many of the routines are becoming more complex, incorporating many collegiate moves for competitions. Last year, the UW-Stout cheer team traveled to Minneapolis, Minn. for the United Performing Association cheer competition.

The UW-Stout cheer team placed third in its division and second in the grand championship. For a first time competitor, UW-Stout left its mark in competitive cheerleading. This year the team will be competing in Indianapolis, Ind. for the American National Championship in March.

The team is currently fundraising and raising support to finance its competitions and travel expenses. Since the UW-Stout cheer team is a

club sport, many of the girls have to pay their own way through the season, which means a lot more fundraisers.

Dora, a fourth-year UW-Stout cheerleader, said, "Since I've been here, the team has grown a lot. Everyone on the team has been really focused on going to the next level and competing. It involves a lot of time and work. Now, we're trying to get more involved with the school and cheering at team games other than football and basketball."

Some of the upcoming fundraisers the cheer team will be participating in are cheer clinics in February for elementary, middle and high school students. They will be selling candy grams for Valentine's Day and Christmas. Support has also been coming in from local businesses.

"We do all we can to support the school and all the athletic programs," said Dora. "I'm really proud of my team for stepping up and wanting to be as involved with everything we do and everything we've done."

Thanks to the fundraisers, the cheer team is able to compete and be an asset to the UW-Stout campus, providing school spirit and team support. Students can show their own spirit by supporting these fundraisers.

Make sure to check out the UW-Stout cheer team during this year's upcoming basketball season. It will be cheering at the Basketball Bash on Nov. 10 and a women's basketball game on Nov. 15. The team said it would like to see more fans in the stands helping them cheer on the Blue Devil athletic teams.

Women's volleyball: Trick or treat classic

Andy Liddell
Staff Writer

On Friday, Oct. 29, the women's volleyball team made an impressive start at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Trick or Treat Classic, not losing a single match against Waldorf College or the University Wisconsin-Superior. This was the last meet for the season, and on Saturday the team barely lost against the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and UW-River Falls.

During the first match against UW-River Falls, the Blue Devils lost only by a couple points each game and really showed that they have the talent, but that just has not been fully developed.

Kate Mikutowski, a returning sophomore player, ended up with a sprained ankle in early September and had to sit out for most of the season. From Sept. 3 until Nov. 1, she had to watch as her team improved bit by bit but was a bit too wet behind the ears to pull off victory.

The team ended the season (7-25) overall.

While on the bench, though, Mikutowski made some key observations and reflected on the season as a whole.

"We had some good moments, but we couldn't get over that hump," Mikutowski said. She plans to return and expects the team to become much stronger next season when her injury has fully healed.

"I think all we need is a chance to work with each other again and build as a team," Mikutowski said. "I really think we just need more experience playing together."

She admits that a lot of her teammates were pushing themselves even harder this year while she was injured.

"Hope Weilage and Tori Sandstrom worked really hard this year," Mikutowski said, "Sara Kjos did a great job, and our two seniors Steph Nichols and Kim Labat." Thankfully, the team will have a second chance for victory next season.

BASKETBALL BASH

Prizes

3-point, slam dunk and
free throw Contests

Wednesday, November 10
Johnson Fieldhouse
7-8:30 p.m.

Win a free
semester of
tuition

Both the men's and women's teams will play an intrasquad scrimmage, giving fans an opportunity to get a sneak peak at this year's teams and also a chance to meet the players.

Season tickets will be on sale at the Bash.

The Blue Devil women's team will open their season Monday, Nov. 15 when they host NCAA Division II St. Cloud State at 7 p.m.

The men will open their season Tuesday, Nov. 16 when they host Bethel University at 7 p.m. A varsity reserve game will be held at 5 p.m.

The two teams will host their annual Thanksgiving weekend tournament, the Quality Inn and Suites Turkey Shootout, Saturday, Nov. 27 and Sunday, Nov. 28. The women will play St. Scholastica, Nov. 27 at 5 p.m., while the men will host Northland College at 7 p.m.



Come to the Bash and get ready to have some fun!!

"Go Blue Devils"



What 2 Watch 4

upcoming sporting events

- **November 4:**
Soccer plays in the WIAC second round.
Hockey plays in Winona against St. Mary's at 7.30.
- **November 5:**
Volleyball plays at the WIAC semifinals at.
- **November 6:**
Football plays at UW-Platteville at 2 p.m.
Volleyball plays at the WIAC semifinals.
Soccer plays at the WIAC championship.
Hockey plays in St. Paul against St. Thomas at 7 p.m.
- **November 9:**
Soccer plays the NCAA first round.
- **November 10:**
Basketball Bash at home starts at 7 p.m.
- **November 12:**
Hockey plays at home against St. Scholastica at 7:30 p.m.
- **November 13:**
Football plays at home against UW-Oshkosh at 2 p.m.
Women's Cross Country at NCAA Division III Regional at 11 a.m.
Men's cross country at NCAA Division III Regional at 11 a.m.
- **November 16:**
Basketball plays at home against Bethel University at 7 p.m.

A snowboarding adventure

Andy Liddell
Staff Writer

While some students might be dreading the walk to class in the snow this coming winter, the snowboarders and skiers here on campus are chomping at the bit to get out on the slopes for a bit of fresh powder.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Ski and Snowboard Club, formerly the Alpine Ski and Snowboard Club, is an organization that gives snowboarders and skiers the chance to get off campus and onto the slopes. The only thing you need is to be a UW-Stout student over the age of 18 and pay your dues.

The bulk of the snowboarding season starts as soon as students get back from winter break and trips are planned every weekend until the snow melts. In the past, the club has been to several different spots across the Midwest, and this season there is a trip to travel to Whitefish, Mont. planned.

The Whitefish trip is organized by the club but is open to anyone willing to pay the cost. The estimated cost is \$625 and includes lift tickets, travel expenses, four days of snowboarding, and five days of lodging.

Mike Heinze, a veteran snowboarder and former president of the club, said the group has grown significantly within the last couple of years, almost doubling with each passing year. Currently, the group has over 150 members and continues to grow.

The club has four different levels of membership packages: bronze, silver, gold and platinum. Heinze says that the demand for

high this season that all of the membership packages have sold out.

Before anyone gets out on the slopes, dues for all members must be paid. This ensures that lodging and travel expenses are paid on time to all of the locations that the club is visiting.

Besides meeting for trips and fundraising events, the Ski and Snowboard Club enjoys

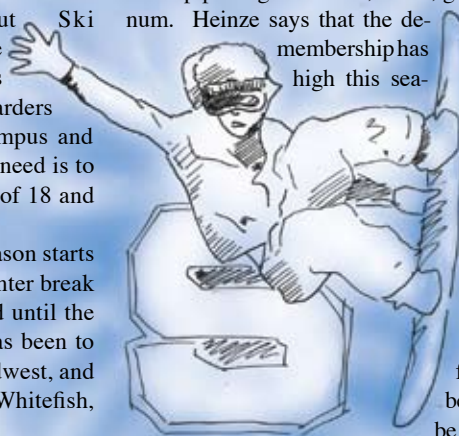
plenty of local fun, including hosting several rail jams, "freestyle ski and snowboard competitions," and holding other social events on campus like waxing nights, pool and bowling in the Memorial Student Center. One of the club's upcoming rail jams will be held Saturday, Nov. 6 at the Dunn County Snow Park, which is located on the fair grounds in Menomonie. Everyone is welcome to come, admission is free and snow will be brought in from the nearby ice arena.

"There are big plans for the Dunn County Snow Park," Heinze said. Heinze also said that there might be a satellite dish and more rails installed and a couple of new snowboard boxes (jibs) added this year.

Heinze, as well as current club president, Cassi Meyers, and the vice president, Jeremy Schottroff, are excited to get this season under way, and each of them recalled their favorite places to snowboard.

"Definitely Lutsen," Schottroff said. Meyers agreed that Lutsen was an excellent place but said that Bohemia was one of her favorites.

If you are a winter thrill-seeker you can contact the club through its Facebook page to find out more information about joining.



Tough week for men's hockey team

Morgan Pfaller
Staff Writer

On Oct. 29-30th The University of Wisconsin-Stout's men's hockey team traveled to Green Bay, Wis. to face the St. Norbert Green Knights in a weekend series to start the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) season. Saturday's game resulted in a loss as UW-Stout fell to St. Norbert in a 6-3 decision at the Cornerstone Community Center.

All of the goals in the game were scored over the first two periods, the Knights (2-0-0, 2-0-0) got on the board first when Nick Tabisz scored at 7:18. However, Charles Lachance, a sophomore from Quebec City, Quebec, was quick to tie the score a minute later. The Blue Devils (1-3-0, 0-2-0) took the lead during the next minute when Robert Karr, a senior from Roseau, Minn., scored.

St. Norbert immediately came back to tie the game with a power play goal at 14:11 of the first period, then scored only seven seconds later to take a 3-2 lead. The Knights padded the lead at the 16 minute mark to take a 4-2 lead into the first intermission locker room. St. Norbert's Cody Keefer scored 24 seconds into the second period.

Branden Gay, a senior from Calgary, Alberta, scored a goal for the Blue Devils in the 15th minute; however the Knights' Brandon Longley answered in the 18th minute. UW-Stout's

goalie Tom Lescovich, a sophomore from Clifton Park, N.Y., had 34 saves, while the Knights' BJ O'Brien had 18 saves.

Friday's game resulted in a loss as St. Norbert swept past UW-Stout 3-1. Lescovich had recorded 46 saves. The Green Knights scored 12 seconds into the first period, then tacked on two goals in the third period for the win.

UW-Stout broke up the shutout with 11 seconds left in the contest when Russ Whited, a freshman from Indianapolis, Ind., got his first collegiate goal with assists by Matt Morin, a sophomore from Brooklyn Park, Minn., and Karr.

On Monday, Oct. 25 the team traveled to Fond du Lac, Wis. for the first game of the week. The Sabres defeated UW-Stout, 6-5, at the Blue Line Family Ice Center. Goals for both teams came in packs, especially in a six-goal first period, but Marian University packed a few more together to seal the win.

The first period was the wildest of the three when UW-Stout jumped out to a 2-0 lead within the first two minutes of the game as Gay and Danny Ryan, a senior from Niles, Ill., scored. However, the Sabres came back with three goals—two goals within a minute of each other around the four-minute mark—to take the lead.

Ryan scored his second goal of the period at 16:47 to tie the game before the first break. This helped UW-Stout take the lead three minutes into the second period as Morin scored. Unfortunately

for the Blue Devils, Marian University's Todd Collins scored less than a minute later, tying up the game 4-4.

The Sabres took a two-goal lead in the third period when Matt Williams scored at 10:26 and Brendan Roberts added a shorthanded goal at 14:51. The Blue Devils took advantage of a power play opportunity with three minutes left in the game when Chris Stafne, a freshman from Duluth, Minn., scored to pull the Blue Devils to a victory within one more goal, but even with an extra attacker on the ice, UW-Stout could not get the equalizer.

Kevin O'Donnell, a freshman from Stoughton Wis., and Justin Giles, a sophomore from Jenks, Okla., each had two assists. Lescovich recorded 32 saves for the Blue Devils, while Alex Bjerk had 22 for the Sabres. Giles has high hopes for him and his teammates.

"We played well at times and learned a lot about our weaknesses. Those weaknesses were addressed this weekend and we were clearly fixed by our game on Friday against St. Norberts." Despite the rough week, Giles knows the team can only get better as the season continues, "We have a pretty young team this year and I feel like we are maturing quickly. Our team has lots of talent and we are really starting to work together on the ice," said Giles.

Finding warmth in a world full of winter sports

Andy Liddell
Staff Writer

Most of us at one point or another have made our way over to the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) in the Sports and Fitness Center, whether for a class, for a bit of volleyball to wind down after classes or maybe just for a jog around the track on a cold winter day.

Starting soon, though, the Sports and Fitness Center will be housing Block 2 Intramural Sports, such as volleyball, floor hockey, wiffleball, racquetball, college hoops X-Box tournaments, and three-on-three basketball tournaments. The only sport that will be held outside will be kickball, which will take place on the baseball diamond.

Katie Ressie, the intramural sports coordinator on campus, says that participating in intramural sports is an excellent way to network and to improve on team-building skills.

Ressie, who used to attend St. Cloud State University in Minnesota, says that some of her favorite intramural sports back in her college years were volleyball and dodgeball. She

chuckled and said she used to participate in some intense dodgeball games.

"We used to play dodgeball in the wrestling room," Ressie said. "The entire room was padded so people didn't have to worry about getting into the game. People weren't afraid they'd end up getting floor burns."

The different activities people can choose from vary, and so do the prices. For volleyball and floor hockey, the entry fee per team is \$40; kickball teams cost \$30 to register, and three-on-three basketball teams cost \$25. Racquetball, wiffleball, and college hoops are all free. These costs help to pay for use of the facilities, for officials to referee the matches and to pay for replacement equipment.

When you sign up you will be asked to pick two days out of the week during which your team will play. These days are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis, and the leagues that are

signed up for the same days will compete with one another.

Each league runs for four weeks, with two weeks of playoffs. During the playoffs, leagues that play on different days will play against each other in order to get the most playing time for their buck.

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—Katie Ressie

On the official registration form, teams may have up to 10 players and one captain, and there are gender-specific or co-rec groups, such as men's recreational, men's competitive, women's recreational, women's competitive and co-recreational leagues.

Want to be a part of the excitement but can't seem to find anyone to sign up with you to form your own league? No problem. You can also register as a "free agent" player to be placed alongside other students in your sport of choice.

In the past the women's sports have had problems with not having enough players to form their own leagues, but they have their choice of staying on an all-girls team if it becomes an open league.

"Anyone is able to sign up for these sports," Ressie said. "It just depends on who is on your team and what you want to do."

If you want to get signed up, though, you had better hurry. The leagues start registration on Nov. 3 and will be closed on Nov. 9. Tournaments start registration on Nov. 3 and end on the Wednesday before each tournament takes place.

For those students who are not interested in winter sports but are looking for something to help stay in shape, meet new people or even just to stay warm in the frigid Wisconsin winter weather, intramural sports may be exactly what you are looking for.

Disc golf becoming popular among students

Morgan Pfaller
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout offers many clubs for students to become involved on campus. If you want to get some exercise, meet new people and enjoy the great outdoors, one club to look into is the Stout Disc Club.

For those who are unfamiliar with disc golf, the sport is becoming one of the most popular leisure activities among college students in the U.S. The game is played much like traditional golf but with a Frisbee-like disc. Courses primarily do not have greens fees or require a minimal fee. Discs range from \$5-\$20 and only one disc is required to get started.

One of Menomonie's five courses, the Brickyard, is a multi-skill level course with blue and white tees and two sets of baskets (yellow and orange) per hole. It is located within walking distance of campus, just past the river by the new dog park. The initial development started in the late 1800s by the Wisconsin Red Pressed Brick Co., later Menomonie Brick Company, but the installation of the course began in 2005 by the Stout Disc Golf Club.

Since the Brickyard is the only course that is dog-friendly, the club is organizing a fundraiser called "Discs for Dogs," which is currently in the planning stages for next year. The Brickyard is also located between the Dunn County Humane Society and the Menomonie Dog Park. For more information on how to

contribute to the fundraiser, visit the club's website: www.discgolf.uwstout.edu.

With the increased traffic of disc golfers and dog walkers, the Brickyard is becoming a marketable place. Sponsorships are being made available for businesses, organizations and campus organizations to have an ad on one of the tee signs, a name engraved on one of the benches or a spot on the welcome sign. Other sponsor benefits are being created for the club's brochures, video "commercial" and website.

Each year a considerable amount of work has been performed by the club, high school students, community members and other volunteers (a list of over 200 volunteers and counting). A couple select individuals have even dedicated their summers to

volunteering full-time on the course. Just this last year an Adopt-A-Hole program was started that has already proven to be quite a hit, as the adoptees are allowed to improve the hole with their own twist of creativity and imagination.

On a nice day, average rounds played is 100-150 with a recent record of 200+ on our

last day of summer 2010. With the future installation of staircases and benches, plus the innovative experiences planned, the club predicts a substantial increase in rounds played and a wider demographic of players. Spring

implementing the Educational Disc Golf Experience (EDGE) Program into the curriculum. This summer, the club was awarded a \$4,000 grant from the Greater Menomonie Area Community Foundation (GMACF) for upgrades to the MMS DGC. The plans include cement tee pads, new tee signs and maps and brush control.

If students are eager to join the club but are worried their disc golf skills are not "up to par," the club has set the library up with 30 disc golf DVDs, several of which are instructional to perfect a player's form. They boast the ability to help you add 50-100 feet to your drive, if not more. The club highly recommends "Disc Golf Fundamentals" with world champions Ken Climo and Dave Feldberg.

If you would like to learn how to play disc golf, or meet other disc golfers, there are a handful of events such as clinics, leagues, socials, collegiate events, tour events and championships coming up. For further information, videos and more, join the Facebook fan page "Stout Disc Golf."



Nate Eul scores at Brickyard.

Tonya Peck/Contributed Photo

is the time of year when students are eager to get outside, and joining the Stout Disc Club is a great way to get some fresh air in between classes and studying.

The Stout Disc Club was responsible for constructing the Menomonie Middle School Disc Golf Course (MMS DGC) in 2007 and

Blue Devil SCORING BOARD



Blue Devil Football

On Saturday, Oct. 30, the Blue Devils played at home against the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse. Stout scored the first touchdown on the first two possessions, but UW-LaCrosse fought back after the first drive of the game. The game would have been sent into overtime, but UW-LaCrosse converted a two-point with 23 seconds left to steal a 29-28 win from the Blue Devils. Stout's defense showed incredible resilience during this game, holding the Eagles to no points despite starting their drive in the Red Zone.

Next game: UW-Stout will travel to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville on Nov. 6, and then return home to finish off their regular season.



Blue Devil Volleyball

On Saturday, Oct. 30, the Blue Devil's ended their season against the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. The 2010 season closed 23-22, 25-18, 27-25, 25-22. They were blanked again by UW-Eau Claire, 25-17, 25-26, 25-11. Hope Weilage was named to the UW-River Falls Trick or Treat all-tournament team. Weilage had 11 kills in the first match with the Falcons.

Next Game: Look forward to future games by the lady Blue Devils next year.



Blue Devil Soccer

On Saturday, Oct. 30, the Blue Devils dominated against the University of Wisconsin-Superior 10-1. Jessica Price had a hat trick, and both Katie Ness and Grace Salwasser scored twice as UW-Stout wrapped up its 2010 season. Stout wasted no time scoring right away; only two minutes into the game Jesse Lankford scored. Emily Ferger scored three minutes into the second stanza. McKenna Missfeldt went the distance making four saves.

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Br	Ba	Address	Rent Amount		Property Notes	Type
			Entire Unit	Per Person		
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #8	\$190	\$190	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #3	\$195	\$195	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #4	\$195	\$195	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #6	\$200	\$200	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #7	\$200	\$200	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #9	\$200	\$200	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	
1	1	147 1/2 Main Street #5	\$240	\$240	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #7	\$265	\$265	Studio, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	
1	1	119 West Main Street #1	\$295	\$295	Large studio, close to campus and downtown, parking	
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #1	\$300	\$300	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great view	
1	1	702 4th Street E	\$300	\$300	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, downtown	
1	1	802 6th Avenue #2	\$335	\$335	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #2	\$350	\$350	Efficiency, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	\$375	\$375	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt	
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #5	\$395	\$395	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great apt	
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	\$395	\$395	Efficiency, new carpet, includes WSG & heat, great location	
1	1	1520 1/2 7th Street E	\$395	\$395	Nice apartment w/ garage, washer/dryer, close to campus	
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	\$395	\$395	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, close to campus	
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	\$395	\$395	Efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #8	\$395	\$395	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, private entrance	
1	1	1520 7th Street E	\$395	\$395	Nice apartment w/ garage, washer/dryer, close to campus	
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	\$425	\$425	Studio, includes WSG, heat & parking, great location	
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #5	\$425	\$425	Studio, includes WSG, heat & parking, close to campus	
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	\$435	\$435	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #1	\$455	\$435	Great location w/ parking, includes WSG & heat	
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	\$455	\$435	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, parking	
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #3	\$455	\$455	Nice apt, private entrance & parking, WSG, HW & heat incl.	
1	1	333 1/2 Main Street #1	\$495	\$445	Large, desirable downtown apt, includes WSG & heat	
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	\$545	\$545	Fantastic apartment, includes utilities & parking	
2	1	113 West Main Street	\$360	\$180	Close to campus and downtown, some upgrades	
2	1	921 Main Street #4	\$360	\$180	Huge rooms, lots of parking, porch, good location	
2	1	115 West Main Street	\$370	\$185	New carpet throughout, close to campus and downtown	
2	1	1203 14th Avenue East	\$395	\$198	Large lower duplex, good-sized rooms, off-street parking	
2	1	1506 6th Street E	\$420	\$210	Large rooms, enclosed front porch, storage, large yard	
2	1	1603 1/2 7th Street E	\$450	\$225	Nice apartment, new carpet, washer/dryer, parking	
2	1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	\$450	\$225	Nice apt, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	
2	1	1221 1/2 7th Street E	\$480	\$240	Nice, large apt, porch, WSG, heat, HW & parking included	
2	1	619 13th Avenue E	\$480	\$240	Incl. heat, WSG, hot water, excellent location w/ parking	
2	1	620 15th Avenue E	\$480	\$240	Upper duplex, very nice, large rooms & closets, parking	
2	1	1415 4th Street West	\$480	\$240	Apartment w/ garage/parking, good location, nice floor plan	
2	1	620 1/2 9th Avenue E	\$525	\$263	Large, nice rooms, very close to campus, great apartment	
2	1	147 1/2 Main Street #C	\$550	\$275	Large, very nice, new carpet, W/D in bldg, includes WSG	
2	1	802 6th Avenue #5	\$550	\$275	Great apartment, huge rooms, includes utilities & parking	
2	1	802 6th Avenue #6	\$550	\$275	Nice apartment, large rooms, utilities & parking included	
2	1	903 7th Street E	\$550	\$275	Spacious apartment w/ washer/dryer, very close to campus	
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #1	\$560	\$280	Cute apt, private entrance, parking, heat, WSG & HW incl.	
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #2	\$560	\$280	Ground level apt, large rooms, parking, heat, WSG & incl.	

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			Entire Unit	Per Person		
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #6	\$560	\$280	Great apt, new shower, parking, WSG, HW & heat included	
3	1	2215 1/2 5th Street E	\$425	\$142	Lower duplex, good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, parking	
3	1	2215 5th Street E	\$600	\$220	Upper duplex, good-sized rooms, W/D hook-ups, parking	
3	1	220 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$620	\$207	Upper duplex, incl. W/D, off-street parking, great location	
3	1	220 12th Avenue West	\$620	\$207	Large lower duplex, washer/dryer, parking, great location	
3	1	147 1/2 Main Street #8	\$650	\$217	Nice rooms & closets, includes WSG, laundry in building	
3	1	321 13th Avenue West	\$650	\$217	Super location, washer/dryer, off-street parking, nice yard	
3	1	1415 1/2 4th Street West	\$660	\$220	Nice apartment, new flooring, washer/dryer, garage	
3	1	802 6th Avenue #4	\$660	\$220	Nice apt, private entrance, includes utilities & parking	
4	1	1115 14th Avenue E	\$630	\$158	Large rooms, washer/dryer, screened-in porch, garage	
4	1	1528 10th Street E	\$630	\$158	Nice layout, new flooring, washer/dryer hook-ups, parking	
4	1	1120 15th Avenue E	\$650	\$163	Good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, off-street parking	
4	1	309 14th Avenue West	\$720	\$180	Washer/dryer, room for storage, parking, good location	
4	1	921 Main Street #1	\$750	\$188	Fantastic apartment, large rooms, parking, good location	
4	2	1319 8th Street E	\$820	\$210	Nice, good-sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	
4	1	1215 10th Street E	\$840	\$210	3-season porch, built-ins, W/D, storage, garage, large yard	
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #1	\$820	\$206	Nice & spacious, W/D, includes all utilities, A/C, parking	
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #3	\$1000	\$250	Nice & spacious, W/D, includes all utilities, A/C, parking	
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #4	\$820	\$206	Nice & spacious, W/D, includes all utilities, A/C, parking	
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #5	\$820	\$206	Nice & spacious, W/D, includes all utilities, A/C, parking	
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #7	\$1000	\$250	Nice & spacious, W/D, includes all utilities, A/C, parking	
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #8	\$820	\$206	Nice & spacious, W/D, includes all utilities, A/C, parking	
4	1.5	1615 7th St E	\$1,000	\$250	Nice house, great location, deck, washer/dryer, garage	
5	1	1121 6th Avenue E	\$700	\$140	Large house, new flooring, front porch, off-street parking	
5	2	2006 5th Street #A	\$950	\$190	Large house, good-sized rooms, W/D, off-street parking	
5	2.5	1502 7th Street E	\$1,100	\$220	Recently remodeled, washer/dryer, porch, large yard	
5	2	1803 7th Street	\$1,100	\$220	Large house, good location, parking, W/D, 2 HUGE bedrooms	
5	2	1708 6th Street #A	\$1,350	\$270	Fabulous apt, W/D, large rooms, parking, has everything!	
5	2	1708 6th Street #B	\$1,350	\$270	Fabulous apt, W/D, large rooms, parking, has everything!	
6	2	1402 8th Street E	\$800	\$133	Corner lot, washer/dryer, off-street parking, full basement	
6	2	504 10th Street E	\$900	\$150	Huge house, big rooms, W/D, basement storage, parking	
6	2	1603 7th Street E	\$1,000	\$167	Great house, washer/dryer, fireplace, off-street parking	
6	2	1602 8th Street E	\$1,100	\$183	Nice house, good location, nice rooms, washer/dryer	
6	2	115 17th Avenue West	\$1,200	\$200	Nice house, great location, W/D, front porch & garage	
6	2	321 20th Avenue #A	\$1,200	\$200	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	
6	2	321 20th Avenue #B	\$1,200	\$200	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	
6	2	321 20th Avenue #C	\$1,200	\$200	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	
6	2	321 20th Avenue #D	\$1,200	\$200	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	
6	2	415 13th Avenue West	\$1,200	\$200	Modern house, big bedrooms, good location, lawn care incl.	
6	2	1321 9th Street E	\$1,200	\$200	Spacious, W/D, garage, recently updated, great location	
6	2	220 12th Avenue West	\$1,240	\$207	2 full kitchens, 2 washer/dryer sets, parking, great location	
6	2	1415 1/2 8th Street E	\$1,300	\$217	Fabulous apt, W/D, large, nice rooms, lots of parking & more	
7	2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,225	\$175	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus	
7	3	1803 7th Street E	\$1,550	\$221	Big house, 2 W/D, dishwasher, 2 HUGE bedrooms, garage	
7	3	1102 10th Street E	\$1,600	\$229	Nice, big house, good-sized rooms, W/D, 2-car garage	
7	3	819 7th Street E	\$1,610	\$230	Fabulous house, washer/dryer, big corner lot, 2-car garage	
8	3	1421 South Broadway	\$1,840	\$230	Great house! Big rooms, W/D, across from stadium, garage	

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Cover by Michael Grevas

The bowling alley in the Underground has been a Thursday night hang out in the Memorial Student Center for years. It will be no more with the upcoming remodeling project. The last bowling event is tonight, Thursday, Nov. 18, so make sure to be one of the last people ever to roll a strike in the Underground.



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The Intoxicated Server Ordinance Debate

Jerad Maplethorpe
News Editor

On Monday, Nov. 15, the Menomonie City Council held an open discussion about the proposed Intoxicated Server Ordinance, which, if passed, would prohibit bartenders from having a blood alcohol level of 0.08 or more while on the job. The discussion attracted concerned citizens, students, bartenders, bouncers and local business owners. The meeting was so popular that many attendees had to stand in the hall.

The first to express his opinion was Josh Fritz, the Organizational Affairs Director of the SSA.

"I have had a bartender, who is a friend, tell me the next day they did not remember seeing me at the bar," said Fritz. "In my own personal view, they are the people responsible for my safety in those situation's." Fritz also noted that the SSA backed the ordinance and encouraged the city council to do the same.

"Our policy is zero-tolerance," said Nate McKeeth, a bartender at the Meet Market. "I have never had an issue with an intoxicated server." The Meet Market prohibits its bartenders from drinking on the job. Violating the policy is grounds for termination.

"My issue with this is that you are singling out specific individuals," said Dennis Ruckheim, a bouncer at the Meet Market. "For example, other employees do not get breathalyzed after a few drinks at lunch."

Jennifer Minton, a bartender at Ba Da Bingz, expressed how she was allowed to have a few drinks during her shift. "I may have a shot or two with the regular customers over five or six hours. We have two bouncers

to ensure everyone's safety."

In an attempt to offer an alternative solution, Andrew Dickson of the Silver Dollar Saloon suggested having "a couple officers walking the streets on the busy nights" in order to ensure the safety of the customers after they leave the bars. He emphasized the fact that bar owners are quite capable of maintaining safety within the bars themselves.

"It all comes down to customer service," said Braden Sowle, a bouncer at the Meet Market and personal trainer for the Health and Fitness Center. "We do not need police coming in and breathalyzing the bartenders and customers. It is my job to keep people safe."

One University of Wisconsin-Stout student noted that he'd never felt unsafe at a bar. "If you do not feel safe, why would you put yourself in that situation?"

Near the end of the 45-minute discussion, the owner of the Meet Market, William Ostwald, decided to step up and reaffirm his and his employees' opinion on the matter. "There has not been one complaint filed about this issue, not one. This is a case of the chancellor and special interest groups having a solution and looking for a problem. Who does the city council want to represent, the special interest groups or the businesses that support the city?"

Ultimately, the council took the advice of a former city council member who also happened to be a former bartender. "We had a contract that specifically said, 'if you drink on the job, you are fired.' Please consider putting this burden back in the hands of the business owners and table this."

Before reconsidering the issue, the council members decided to develop a long-term study on Menomonie's drinking problem, especially among college students.

UW-Stout gets to business

University of Wisconsin-Stout business students swept top honors at the Great Northwoods Sales Warm-up competition Friday and Saturday at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

The top three places went to UW-Stout team members, led by winner Alyssa Anttila of Coon Rapids, Minn., runner-up Jack Pendergast of Port Washington Wis. and, in third, Emily Moe of Superior, Wis. Anttila won \$1,500, Pendergast \$1,000 and Moe \$750.

Other UW-Stout team members were Rachael Lundeen of Lakeville, Minn., and Nick Nelson of Appleton, Wis. Lundeen also earned \$150 for her efforts as the top UW-Stout finisher. The top two finishers from

UW-Stout will travel to Kennesaw State University in Atlanta.

"It was a special night for our UW-Stout business students," said Jerry Kollross, a UW-Stout business instructor and sales team coach.

About 50 students from 11 schools competed in two sales role-playing scenarios Friday and Saturday. After the top three students were determined, they competed in a third round to determine their final places.

The event had 16 corporate sponsors. Representatives of the companies acted as buyers and judges.

Team scores were not kept. Along with UW-Stout, teams were from Aurora, Ball State, North Dakota State, St. Catherine, St. Cloud

...So, why is the lake green?

Lauryn Seering
Sports Editor

In the last two years, the University of Wisconsin-Stout has taken significant initiatives to become more eco-friendly on campus. In early 2008, the school granted money to create a new program called Sustainable Stout. This program brings sustainability into a diverse amount of classrooms and helps students get some hands-on experience with sustainability issues.

"I think in terms of the economy and the way things are heading, we are trying to build an economy with green jobs," said Environmental Sustainability Coordinator Sarah Rykal. "Teaching students how to implement sustainability issues now will help them get more competitive jobs later on. Going green can help a company save money and help students get a job placement, because green solutions are often creative and more cost-effective with their employer."

This fall semester alone has shown how innovative students can be with classes tackling many tough challenges around the Menomonie community. "The lake is the biggest problem," Rykal said. "People are very concerned about it. We have faculty and students who work projects around that and expose the delicate problems surrounding it. Science classrooms go in and tackle complex environmental issues trying to find solutions."

"However, transportation is another major problem. The Dunn County Transit formed this year, which is a program where students can get a free ride around on Thursday to stops such as Walmart," Rykal said.

Rykal has also been working with teachers around campus and is trying to infuse green thinking into the curriculum. "I have faculty contact me, and we work together to pair up students with projects so they get real world experience but also help in the community,"

Rykal said.

Teachers like Robert Burger, a graphic communications professor, have embraced this. In one section of GCM-141, students were assigned the task of creating a poster showing their take on Sustainable Stout. Students could choose to advertise one of the transportation programs or simply encourage students to make conscious choices about going green.

"I felt like this would be a good idea for sustainability because I heard their presentation at the 'Welcome Back Staff meeting' the university put on before classes started," Burger said. "The group sent me a spec to use it as an event poster. The office is free to use the posters or we can display them in the Comm. Tech. building."

Students were able to learn about and utilize programs such as Adobe InDesign and Illustrator for the project. They also made the physical plates for printing and ran the press.

"Because I run a graphic design business [Burger & Burger Creative Services], this is the type of project we would work on professionally," Burger said. "The total aspect of design to print helps students see how things are done and makes them responsible for what happens."

"The students could also use them for a portfolio piece," said Burger. "My thoughts were, 'If we are going to produce something, let's do something that would be good for all.'"

Wondering what you can do to help the environment? Simple things like shutting off your lights when you leave the room or unplugging appliances saves tons of energy. If you can car-share or ride-share, use the ride board. Simple things like that can help the community exponentially.

If you have an idea or would like to submit a proposal to the Sustainability committee, visit its website at <http://www.uw-stout.edu/sustainability/>.



UW-Eau Claire College of Business/Contributed Photo

From left to right: Jack Pendergast, Alyssa Anttila, Nick Nelson, Rachael Lundeen, Emily Moe and Jerry Kollross

State, Louisville, Northern Iowa, UW-Eau Claire, UW-Parkside and UW-Whitewater.

Each team can send two representatives to the National Collegiate Sales Competition in

March in Atlanta. Anttila and Pendergast will represent UW-Stout.

UW-Stout also competed in the national event last spring, taking 22nd out of 61 teams.

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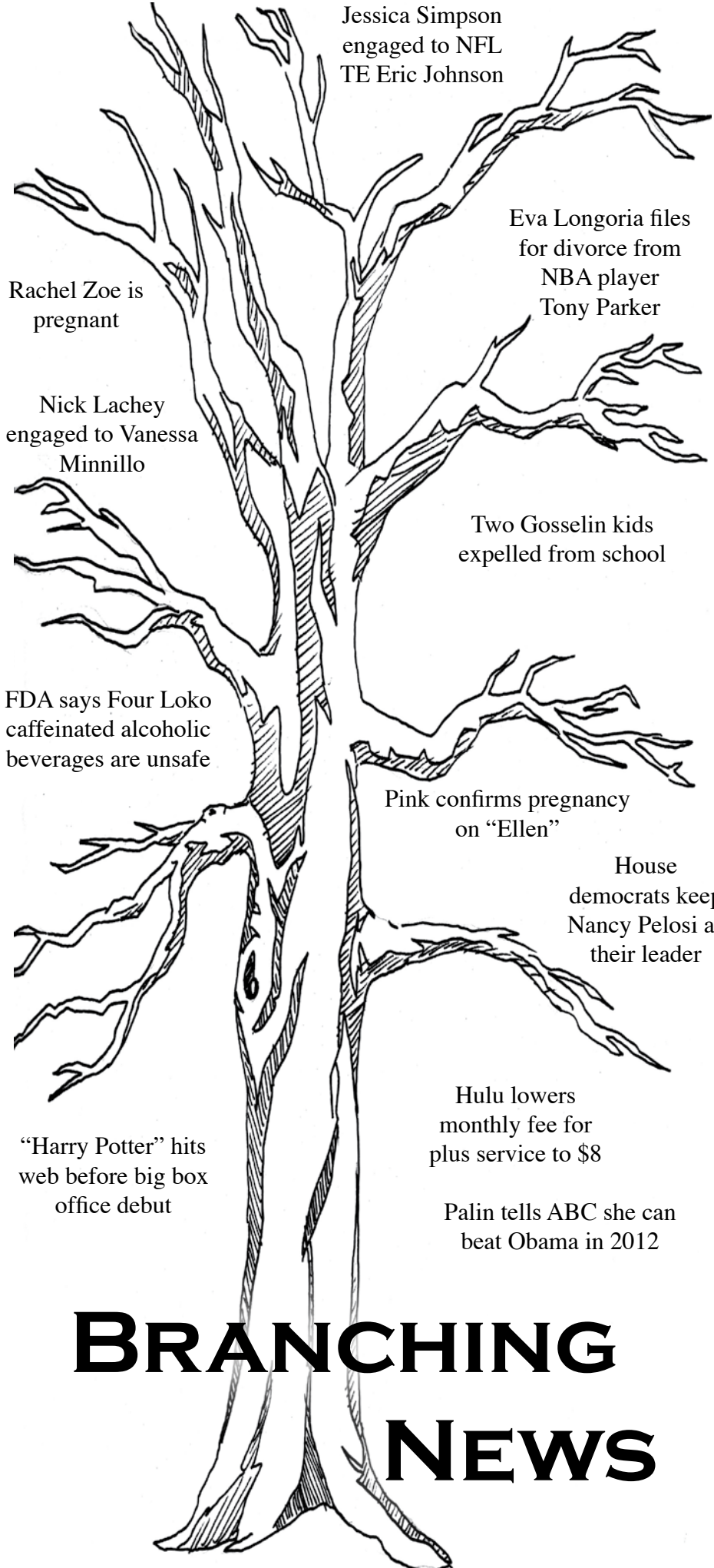
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BRANCHING NEWS

Jumpstarting your future

American Marketing Association

Rachael Lundeen
Staff Writer

There are many beneficial organizations on campus; however, some tend to stand out more than others. One of those is the American Marketing Association, which currently has 40 members. This club has been on campus for more than 15 years and is nationally recognized as one of the most respected organizations.

"Within the business program, participating in AMA is one of the best ways to find additional hands-on experience outside of the classroom that will be needed when looking for and obtaining careers," said President Megan Nelson.

"We have a wide array of members," said Nelson. "Most people think of this group for strictly business majors, but that's not the case here. We work more on teaching students how to market themselves in a tough economy. We have so many different majors aside from business, from hotel tourism to computer graphics."

"I have dedicated myself to this organization and all that it has to offer for the past five years," said Nelson. "I am so passionate about it because of what it has to offer. Speaking from experience, I know how beneficial it is to be involved with a group like this."

All the activities are there to give students more experience before entering the working world.

Many beneficial activities are done for the members, including teaching them how to write their résumé, interview more effectively, connect with employers, gain hands-on experience and how to become more involved.

"I really like being able to work directly with the members," said junior vice president of sales and fundraising Jordan Kinneman. "This is brand new this year. When I first was a member, we didn't really get a lot of personal experience, and so I really like how we changed that this year."

Feeling like part of a family is very important for the members.

"As an organization, we all love helping each other succeed both in our professional and collegiate careers," said senior vice presi-

dent of membership Ashley Ehlers.

"We participate in a lot of events around campus as well as creating our own," said Nelson.

Some of the events that AMA has participated in include Homecoming, Relay for Life, Polar Plunge, Alumni Golf Outing, apparel sale, dodge ball tournaments, company tours, annual AMA regional conference in Whitewater and academic scholarships.

"My favorite event to participate in is Homecoming," said senior member Molly Holm. "There are so many fun things we get to do like the Couch-a-thon and the parade. Being a part of a group like this really gives me something to look forward to throughout the year. Also, being a part of planning events and seeing them go through is so much fun."

The organization is currently working on a fundraiser called Freeze Your Bags with Take Cover. This event will be hosted at the Menomonie Leisure Center and is a beanbag tournament with live music from Minneapolis local band Take Cover, as well as UW-Stout band Groove Committee. Students are encouraged to participate on Dec. 9 from 4 to 10:30 p.m. In order to play bags, students can register ahead of time by emailing ama@uw-stout.edu. The cost is \$10 per team, each team consists of two players.

Another event the organization is working on is the Extended Professional Experience Night, which encourages professionalism among members. Companies will come and speak about being professional in real-life job situations. There will be different workshops available to attend on Dec. 8.

"My favorite part of AMA is being involved in such a family atmosphere," said senior Vice President Matt Steil. "It is such a close-knit group that all of us have the same interests. I also like how we work together and get real-world experience through social networking and by talking with guest speakers and employers."

"I wanted to join to meet new people and become involved on campus," said Kinneman. "I feel that through AMA I have become more confident in many situations. From interviewing to marketing myself, I feel that AMA has helped me to become the person that I am today."



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No flight for an international delight

Jerad Maplethorpe
News Editor

Have you ever tried Korean bulgogi, Swedish hasselbackspotatis, Nepalese mixed vegetable curry or German black forest cake? If you attended the International Dinner at the Memorial Student Center on Saturday, Nov. 13, chances are you had all of these delicious sides, along with others from Mexico, Italy, France, China, Norway and Brazil. The dinner marked the grand finale to International Week, hosted by the International Relations Club.

Food, however, was only a small part of the international buffet of events. The festivities kicked off at 4:30 p.m. with exhibits from University of Wisconsin-Stout students who wanted to share their native country's culture with the community. On display were examples of traditional clothing, toys, musical instruments, art pieces and, occasionally, samples of food and drinks.

"Being in the club, I learn a lot about cultures and rituals of various countries," said Anup Raj Kunwar, the president of the club. "I am able to work with all the other international students to bring [our campus's] diversity into one place for everyone to exchange and learn. This is my favorite part of the club."

At 5:30 p.m., the International Dinner

officially began, drawing more than 275 attendees despite the first winter storm of the season. That night, the Great Hall transformed into a dining hall with soft lighting and all the food you could eat. The evening fostered a sense of togetherness among the guests. Everyone seemed eager to share their culture with other guests.

After an hour of eating, conversing and celebrating, it was time for the main event: The 2010 International Week Culture Show. Kunwar introduced the night's events. To begin, an IRC member from each country hoisted his or her flag up on his or her shoulder, walked up onto the stage, introduced the country the flag represented and then positioned the flag near the back of the stage, where it stayed for the remainder of the night.

"Saturday night's events were a great success," said Kunwar. "It was a night of diversity. Despite the bad weather, the turnout was pretty good. It was encouraging to see the active participation of international students with their cultural performances, costumes, foods and other various items of their respective nations."



We had a big audience of Menomonie locals, faculty and American students who were able to learn about different countries."

"To all the people who are interested in joining IRC, we get to know so many different

people from various culture, know about that country and their traditions in a very short period of time," said Kunwar. "You do not need to give a lot of time to the club. Just come join the IRC and explore different cultures."



Jerad Maplethorpe/Stoutonia

From left to right: Hana Jang, Alex Osborn and Jennifer Huffman. These boxes were purchased from homeless children in Venezuela.



Calendar of Events

STOUT ADVENTURES - 56 Sports & Fitness Center (232-5625)

11/30 Lead Climbing Clinic 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
11/23 – 27 Closed for Thanksgiving

INTRAMURAL SPORTS - 41 Sports & Fitness Center (232-1392)

11/19 Racquetball Tournament
11/24 – 27 Office Closed for Thanksgiving

*Intramural Hockey registration will open up Monday, Nov. 22 and close Friday, Dec. 17. The cost to participate per team is \$1000 and will be played at the Dunn County Arena. Games will start as soon as school resumes for second semester on Sunday, January 23rd.

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You can now buy fitness center memberships, climbing wall memberships and register for events online. Go to the Urec website to see how- <http://urec.uwstout.edu>.

A call for civility with the tobacco ban up in smoke

Andy Liddel
Staff Writer

We've beaten this thing to death ever since school started this fall. We have received seemingly meaningless e-mails drilling the point into our heads and we've been told over and over that we are no longer allowed to use tobacco on campus.

What about the consequences of breaking the rules, though? What incentive is there to even obey the rules if they aren't being enforced? I'm sure plenty of smokers are asking themselves these questions and a few are scoffing at the idea of being forced to quit smoking on campus. What Chancellor Sorensen is really asking is for people to act courteously toward other students.

"We're trying to be civil about this, but if there are still those that are blatantly disregarding the rules, we will be forced to take action," Sorensen said.

Right now, we have campus security officers who patrol campus, but they are not handing out citations as of yet. My question is why wouldn't the university immediately start handing out citations if this was such a health concern to other students? What is it waiting for? There is no doubt in my mind that the university wants to start handing out tickets to ensure better enforcement; and they would have already, but I have a feeling that they really don't think it's legal.

It seems to me that this ban was forced into action because of rising complaints from students

and faculty. From people complaining about having to walk through smoke to health-conscious individuals, it seems like everyone is ganging up on smokers in order to push them off the sidewalks and, quite literally, into the streets.

What the smoking ban does not address is the matter of those who continue to smoke even after this ban has been implemented. Even if the university does start handing out citations, there are still going to be those who are going to smoke and use smokeless tobacco. Are the cigarette butts still going to be tossed on the

ground? Of course. Are the janitors expected to continue to clean the chew out of the drinking fountains? I suppose.

These people who continue to smoke right outside the doors of campus buildings and spit smokeless tobacco into the drinking fountains are the same people who have ruined it for the rest of the people who use tobacco products.

Courteous smokers would move away from the doors and suffer the chill of winter specifically because they knew that they weren't supposed to smoke within a certain distance of the

in with the rest of the fountain-clogging, lung-choking tobacco users.

I personally am a casual smoker and I don't smoke on campus. What I enjoy is a mellow hookah session with a friend or two during the spring or fall. I don't have a "fix" that I need to address and I don't have cravings, so I really don't know what it's like to have that "need" to smoke. Those casual smokers no longer have the choice to smoke on campus, and I truly sympathize with that.

If it's any consolation to my casually smoking

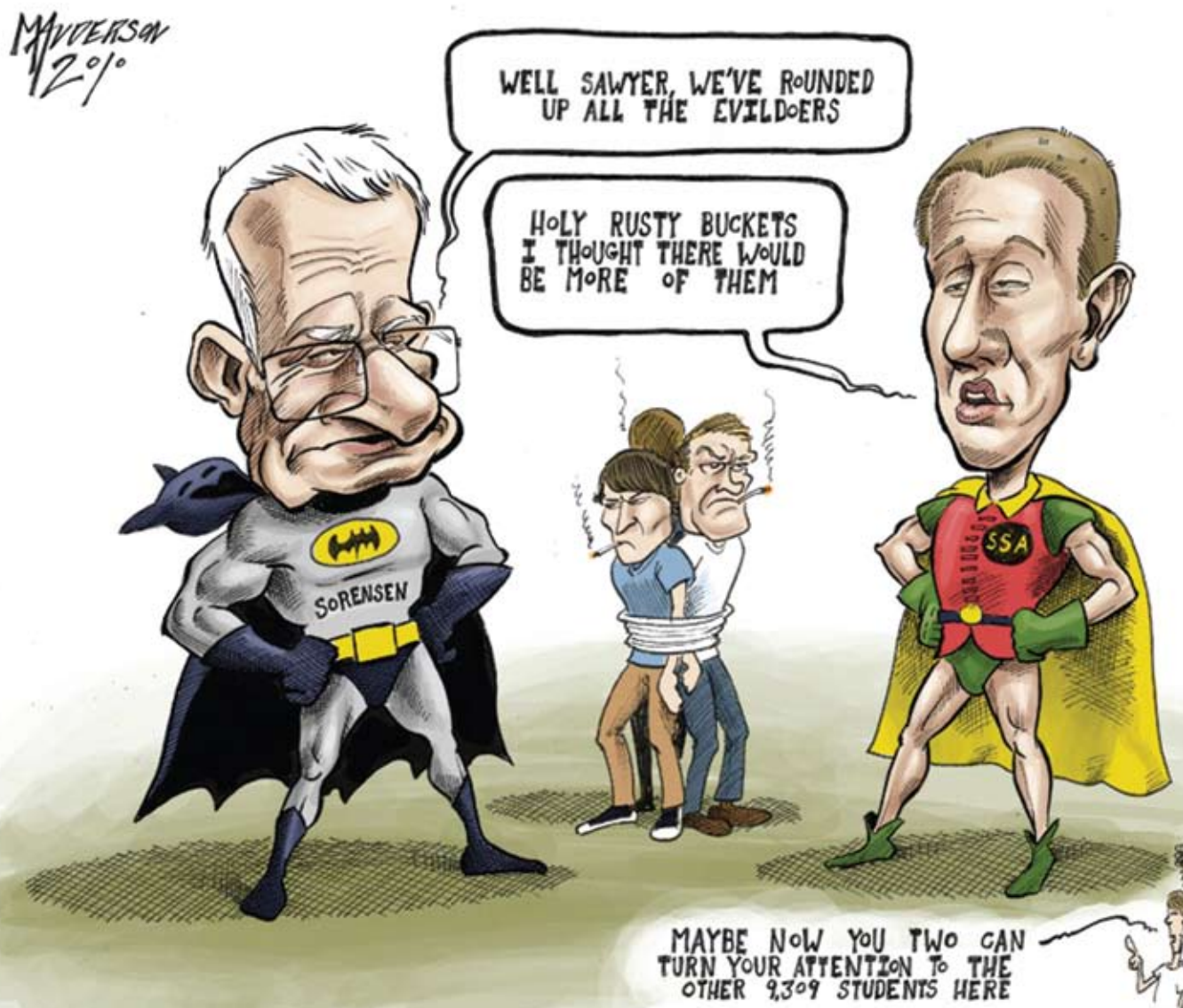
us. At least that's how I understand it." If the university is responsible for keeping the sidewalks salted and snow-free, then it means that the campus has a say of whether or not they're smoke-free.

I take issue with the universities enforcement of this ban for many reasons, but mostly because there are much worse things the University of Wisconsin-Stout is doing that is of far greater risk to our health than a couple of petty smokers. Last week, as I was standing outside the MSC and about to cross the street, one of the UW-

Stout maintenance cars drove by and left a giant cloud of smoke spewing out of the exhaust for a half-block. This thick white smoke filled the air and everyone standing between the library and MSC were exposed to it and most likely inhaled these fumes.

Now, obviously a car driving through campus spewing dangerous exhaust is a common occurrence. The reason I am concerned and downright skeptical of the smoking ban is because it would have taken at least 1,000 students chain smoking at the same time to get that same effect one little maintenance car produced. What's worse is that 1,000 people smoking would not have come close to the toxicity of the fumes coming out of that engine. There is a double standard here, and I think the university would have a better chance of gaining the respect of students if it focused on fixing its own major environmental problems rather than harping on students to fix their mediocre ones.

It just seems a terrible shame that the smokers who respected their classmates enough to smoke far enough from the doors of the buildings must now risk their lives smoking in the gas fumed parking lot at Kwik-Trip. Since the university has not yet decided to be draconian about the ban, perhaps some of the smokers could show the administration, as well as their classmates, that they can continue to be civil and respectful of their wishes while being rewarded with the taste of relief they've been aching for so much.



Marc Anderson/Stoutonia

buildings. The people that would chew and spit into a cup would then dispose of the cup later on instead of hawking it up wherever they pleased did so because they knew that it was gross to have a floating lump of mouth scum lodged in the fountain filter.

These courteous people who knew that their habit was their own are being hit the hardest; not only are they being punished by having their choice to smoke or chew on campus taken away from them, but they are also not being acknowledged for being decent people and being lumped

friends, the streets that weave and run through campus are state-owned, and if you stand on the street, you're more than welcome to smoke on them. Granted, I'd hope this would mean that your cigarette butts would make their way into a trash bin eventually. The sidewalks, however, are still a gray area for smokers.

"One of the issues we have is sidewalks," Sorensen said. The state owns the sidewalks here because anyone can use them, but there is a loophole. According to Sorensen, "Technically if we clean the sidewalks, they belong to

The brilliance of Brett doesn't diminish the failures of Favre

Dear Editor,

Last week, as I was browsing through the various University of Wisconsin online newspapers, I came across something interesting that caught my attention; it was the Stoutonia's "Great Favre Debate." Included were two opinions entitled "No purple for old men" and "The man, the myth, the Favre." These were fair perspectives, but I don't believe they represented all sides of the debate. I was especially displeased to see that true Green Bay Packer fans like me, who have learned that brilliance of Brett does not diminish the failures of Favre, did not have a voice in your debate. I go to school at St. Norbert College, just outside of Green Bay, and I know I'm not the only one who feels this way.

I can't stand Brett Favre. Don't get me wrong; I remember everything he did for us. He played in a Super Bowl victory. He had one losing season as a Packer in 16 years. He never missed a start. I appreciate everything he ever did for us. I even argued him as being the greatest quarterback to ever play football. He's the most beloved player in the history of the most storied franchise in football. I loved him as much as any straight man should love a man they've never met.

However, I'm unwilling to sugarcoat his career. He hasn't been a decent playoff QB since Mike Holmgren left and has choked away mul-

multiple seasons since. He was labeled as a cold and distant teammate with the Jets, and no one will claim that he was "one of the guys" during his later Green Bay years. Sometimes, he played when he shouldn't; including the season he played the entire year with a broken thumb and went 8-8 despite his poor performance. I don't even want to talk about his retirement stunts with the Packers or his cavalier decision making. He was far from perfect. In many cases, he was far from decent. But this is only part of the reason I'm willing to turn my back on the most legendary QB of my era.

Ted Thompson got a lot of bad publicity for trading him. People were calling for his head a year after the team he built went 13-3 and he won executive of the year. However, let's look at the alternative. What would the NFC North look like if Thompson allowed Favre to stay? Aaron Rodgers more than likely would have been demoralized that his starting job was ripped away, and I greatly doubt he would have signed an extension that season. Since Favre is still in the league, he'd still be a Packer (assuming all the Favre loving fans would have their way). Rodgers would hit free agency, and logically sign with the team who needed a quarterback most and would be willing to pay the most money: the Vikings. Add to that the fact that we used the draft pick we received for Favre to trade up in the draft and take Clay Matthews.

So, if Thompson let Favre walk all over this franchise, we would be lacking our best offensive player and our best defensive player. This would all happen while a 41-year-old, gray-haired quarterback who has thrown 16 picks halfway through the year would be imploding our season. If Thompson didn't trade Favre, we would most likely be 3-6 instead of 6-3. It seems that trading Favre ended up being Ted's best move made in exceptionally difficult circumstances. Yet there are still people who think we'd be better off with him.

I'm tired of watching Vikings games and seeing Favre's horrible interceptions still get overlooked. As a matter of fact, his poor play gets blatantly ignored, while his successes are praised immensely. Just a week ago, he threw an interception that would have gone for a TD if not for the incredible hustle of Greg Camarillo, and he threw an interception in the end zone. Yet media members are claiming he played the best game of his career. Why? Because Favre pulled some of that old magic and came back from being down 14. Nobody mentions the fact that the Cardinals offense had five straight three and outs to end the game, or that Favre missed a fourth down conversion late in the fourth quarter.

I'm tired of hearing how tough Brett Favre is. He jumps around when he throws a touchdown and then limps off the field when they go three and out. He wears a walking boot on

Monday; he wears flip flops to a meeting with reporters so they can see how badly bruised his foot is on Thursday. He pretends to pass out on a cart because his chin is cut (I shave too, it's not that painful). He holds his elbow and grimaces. He makes sure the announcers notice how tough he is. I'm surprised he hasn't limped off the field holding his groin so the announcers can say, "Those pictures on the internet are really hurting Favre right now." Every press conference Brett's telling us about another new injury that will hinder his performance. By comparison, when Aaron Rodgers was asked about his concussion earlier this year, he simply replied, "What concussion?" There was a time Favre didn't blame his injuries for his poor play. There was a time Favre wasn't bigger than his teammates or his coaches. There was a time when Favre was a football player and not an individual icon. He was a lot easier to like back then.

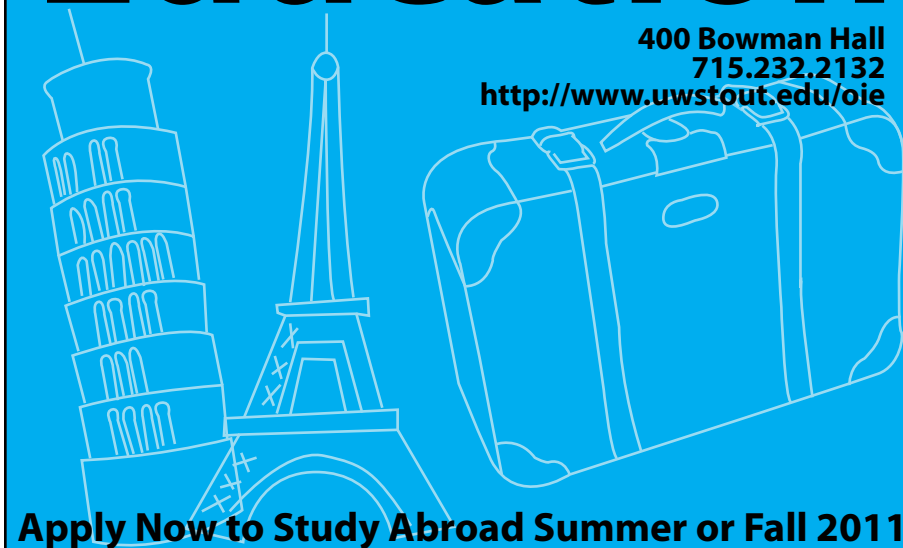
I know someday Brett Favre will go into the Hall of Fame as a Packer. I know someday he'll go in our ring of honor, and he'll probably get his number retired next to class acts like Reggie White and Bart Starr. These are things I'll learn to live with. Until then, I will vehemently voice my displeasure with the "legacy" Brett Favre continues to leave behind.

Tony Bader, Student at St. Norbert College

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Aquarius:

Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You have shown marvelous goodwill to your friends as of late. Take a night off this weekend and do what it takes to relax and drown out the noises. That is, until your friends start pounding on the door again.

Pisces:

Feb. 19 - March 20

You may be feeling as though fate has played a trick on you. Something did not transpire as you fully expected it would. There are two truths in this world: the first is that nothing is immune to change, and the second is that a ring doesn't plug a hole.

Aries:

March 21 - April 19

You may be tired of hearing someone talk about a bad habit of yours. So, instead of being resentful that someone is criticizing you, pick one of their bad habits and make a mockery of it.

Taurus:

April 20 - May 20

If you got up on the wrong side of the bed then get right back in and arise on the proper side. What happened last night is no excuse today for being in a grumpy mood. A jar of pickles at 2 a.m. isn't the best way to prevent a hangover. Try drinking water next time.

Gemini:

May 21 - June 20

Misery loves company, so stay away from misery today lest you be drawn into someone else's dark and moody state. Make a person's life better by telling him or her how you accidentally wet the bed last night.

Cancer:

June 21 - July 22

Moonchildren are usually very well-rounded - equally adept at both right-brain and left-brain endeavors. Next time you are trying to impress a certain someone, make sure you don't forget that someone's name in mid-sentence.

Leo:

July 23 - Aug. 22

You may not be ready yet to forgive someone for what they did and that's okay. Keep in mind that Facebook pictures can be deceiving. They never show you the whole picture.

Virgo:

Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

If you're tempted to get involved in a power struggle with someone you deal with regularly, then you already know that this person will never give in. Rather than feeding a conflict, just do what you believe is right and punch them in the face.

Libra:

Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You could be vulnerable to persuasion today. Someone may try to convince you that playing "Call of Duty: Black Ops" actually improves your performance in the classroom—that is, if you ever go back to one.

Scorpio:

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

The world around you may seem fraught with tension, stress and anger, but you can choose to close the door on it and keep it all outside of your TiVo records. The Jersey Shore marathon needs to end.

Sagittarius:

Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Diversity is the key to maintaining a healthy financial outlook today. Don't put all of your eggs in one basket. Be willing to look at new and exciting possibilities for increasing your income. Prostitution is extremely profitable. Work it, Sagittarius.

Capricorn:

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Whether you are now offering someone an abundance of your money, time, energy, inspiration or any of your other gifts, just be certain you are not exhausting yourself or your reserves. Always dig for gold if it's around. Keep your eyes open.

The Zombie Phenomenon

Andrew Vogl

Entertainment Editor

Our generation is obsessed with zombies. They are everywhere. Movies about zombies, television shows about zombies, video games about zombies and events centered around zombies are all becoming fixed in our culture. It seems like not a day goes by without some reference to zombies being made. What is our fascination with the reanimated dead?

"What do we want? Brains! When do we want it? Brains!" chanted thousands of college-age students at this year's fifth annual Zombie Pub Crawl, where hoards of people paraded from bar-to-bar in full zombie garb in downtown Minneapolis, Minn.

Zombies have been a staple in pop culture for decades, popularized in the 1920s and early 1930s by films like "In the Vault" and "Cool Air," and further gaining attention from the EC Comics series, "Tales From the Crypt" and George A. Romero's 1968 film, "Night of the Living Dead." However, there has been a recent resurgence of zombie culture in the last decade; you might say that we are living in a sort of "zombie renaissance."

Here is a short list of some of the more recent zombie apocalypse films, video games and television programs:

"The Walking Dead" – 2010 AMC original television series based on a comic book by

Robert Kirkman that chronicles the travels of a group of people trying to survive in a zombie apocalypse.

"Zombieland" – 2009 comedy/adventure/horror film starring Woody Harrelson.

"Nazi Zombies" – Arguably the most popular portion of the 2008 video game "Call of Duty: World at War" and 2010's "Call of Duty: Black Ops."

"Dawn of the Dead" – 2004 American zombie horror remake of George A. Romero's 1978 film of the same name.

"Shaun of the Dead" – 2004 British comedy film satirizing zombie movies.

"Left 4 Dead" – Video game series centered on zombies.

"Dead Set" – Short-run 2008 zombie television series set in the "Big Brother" reality show house.

"Resident Evil" – Originally just a zombie video game series, the "Resident Evil" franchise now boasts comic books, novelizations, action figures, five films and over 20 video games.

"28 Days Later" – 2002 British zombie horror film that was followed up by the 2007 sequel, "28 Weeks Later."

And the list goes on. Add to these the growing popularity of events like the Minneapolis Zombie Pub Crawl, which an estimated 6,000 people participated in 2009, and you can see how zombies have become a major part of the cultural zeitgeist.

This brings back the original question: why are we so enthralled with the undead? Entire entertainment industries have been built on the insatiable taste our culture has developed for decaying flesh and zombie

apocalypses. One theory is the idea is that humans have a tendency to become bitter and hurtful after being hurt themselves. We tend to lash out on society when we have been wronged, becoming resentful and wishing we could punish everyone else.

Hurt people hurt people. In zombie terms, if a zombie bites a human, the human becomes a zombie – the very thing she or he was fighting against. Relatable, right? Another theory is that killing zombies is totally radical and we all are secretly hoping that we will someday find ourselves in a scenario where we have to fight our way through hoards of flesh-eating zombies. Mmm... brains.



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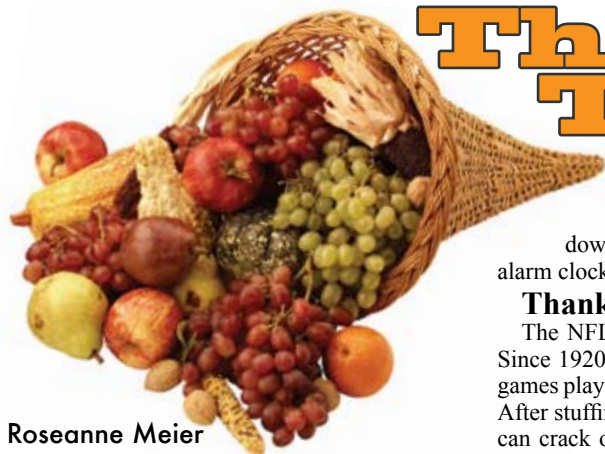
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The Thanksgiving Meal

It's a day many college students have been waiting for. They finally get to eat real food. The turkey is basted with care and all the trimmings are accounted for. It looks and smells like nothing you've ever seen before. According to The National Turkey Federation, about 88 percent of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving, and an estimated 46 million turkeys are consumed. Don't forget to break the turkey wishbone.

Black Friday Shopping

For some people, Thanksgiving doesn't mean much more than getting their shop on. Shoppers rise way before the sun to get the best deals. This is not a sport for the weary. Stampedes and rude shoppers are the norm. Bring you're "A" game.

Parades

What would Thanksgiving be without the glamorized parade? You probably won't watch it, but it wouldn't be right if there wasn't a big party going on somewhere. If you are awake at 9 a.m. to catch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, you will be one of the 44 million people

Thanksgiving Traditions

watching the televised event. Watching the giant helium-inflated character balloons float down the street may be worth the early alarm clock buzz.

Thanksgiving Classic

The NFL gives the people what they want. Since 1920, the NFL has broadcast a series of games played during the Thanksgiving holiday. After stuffing your face with pumpkin pie, you can crack open a beverage and hang out with the family. If the Packers or Vikings aren't playing you might toss around the football with Uncle Bob. You might also just drift off into a tryptophan-induced coma after eating all that turkey. According to the American Chemical Society, turkey actually contains about the same amount of tryptophan as chicken, beef and other meats. The sleepy feeling after a Thanksgiving dinner is more likely attributed to wine, a full stomach or the long Thanksgiving day. In any case, avoid operating heavy machinery, kick back and enjoy your turkey!

Giving Thanks

Yes, it's that time again. All you want to do is stuff your face with as much turkey as humanly possible, but Mom wants everyone to go around the table and say what they are thankful for. You do, and it's heartfelt. But then you get right back to those mashed potatoes and candied yams.

Thanksgiving Eve

Thanksgiving Eve is another one of those college traditions you can be thankful for. You're stuck in your hometown so you might as well get together with your high school buddies and have a couple of drinks. Besides, you don't want to miss one of the biggest party nights of the year. Only the craziest ones go out dressed like a pilgrim or Native American.

Drawing Turkey Hands

You try to resist the urge, but you have to do it. It is time to get out the art supplies and make a turkey that oddly resembles your hand, or vice versa. It is ingrained in us that creating this craft is something that just happens around Thanksgiving time.



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"Our family usually gets together and eats a meal. Then, afterwards usually me, my dad and my brother watch football and jam out on our guitars. Family bonding!"

– Jarrett Valdez



"I like to shop on Black Friday. Deals! I like to find the deals."

– Jackie Shear



"There's always football involved. We eat a meal at my boyfriend's parents' house and then rush to my parents house during halftime to eat even more food."

– Katie Wolff



"If we are lucky enough to get a turkey in the spring hunt, we save it for Thanksgiving to share at the family meal."

– Dan Brandl



GameStop | "Call of Duty: Black Ops" Midnight Launch!



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Staff writer

For most people, November is the month known as the calm before the storm that is Christmas. For a select few, however, Christmas comes early in the form of "Call of Duty: Black Ops." Had you been one of the hundred or so people at the Menomonie GameStop, you would agree that there was definitely some celebrating going on over there.

Monday, Nov. 8 will hold a great deal of relevance to many gamers in Menomonie. It was the second midnight launch, which went on to change how gamers would perceive the night before a big video game release. Gamers who had reserved the game early were allowed into the store at around 9 PM to go in and fully pay for their game. In doing so, the early comers were each handed a ticket, one that might as well be equal to the golden ticket that Charlie Bucket receives in "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," because it and only it guaranteed that you would get a copy of the much anticipated game after midnight.

Typically, one would assume that desperate gamers would begin lining up for the game a few hours in advance, hoping to be one of the first to get their hands on the new game. This was far from the case at the Menomonie GameStop though, as things definitely got more festive there.

GameStop employees pulled out two huge TVs, a projector, three Xbox 360s and surprised

everyone by bringing out three copies of "CoD: Black Ops" early. Everyone gathered around the TVs, and the lines between high school students, college kids, customers and store employees blurred. Everyone was a gamer and everyone got a chance to play the game well in advance. As the competitive multiplayer gaming that has made the "Call of Duty" franchise famous kicked in outside the store, the wait for a game so eagerly anticipated turned into an experience of entertainment and celebration in itself.

One would think that simply putting out the game for people to play would be all that was needed, but the GameStop employees of the Menomonie store were far from done, pulling out cake for everyone to eat, adding an even more celebratory flair to the event. Gamers gamed, ate and talked away the four hours until the game was officially on-sale.

At around half-past 11, a line began to form. At around quarter to 12, the line that had originated at the lively GameStop store went all the way to the parking lot of the closed, quiet Menomonie Movie Theater. Within the span of 15 minutes or so, almost the entire line had been cleaned out and everyone was happily heading toward their cars, game in hand.

The midnight launch was many things: a necessity for some, a celebration or a break and a breath of fresh air for others, but no one can argue that it was definitely a very successful event.



Hassan Javaid/Stoutonia

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Grown Ups

Rating: ★★★★★

Roseanne Meier
Staff Writer

This one is definitely going in my DVD collection. The cozy comedy "Grown Ups" will have you laughing out loud as it takes you along with its sometimes subtle, sometimes in-your-face humor.

Adam Sandler plays a Hollywood agent with loads of money and a hot, successful wife, played by Salma Hayek. When Sandler receives a call that his influential childhood basketball coach passed away, the tragedy brings together his close friends and teammates after 30 years; Chris Rock, Rob Schneider, David Spade and Kevin James, who are all in varying degrees of a mid-life crisis. The teammates and their families get together for the weekend to catch up and do some bonding. The film gets its comedy from the crazy, sometimes downright awkward, personalities of each character.

The film was refreshing to watch, opposite of

some other critic's opinions. Written by Sandler and directed by Dennis Dugan, the film doesn't have much of a plot. Halfway through, you are wondering what the point of the movie is. You are soon reminded that it's a laid-back film that will keep you laughing and does not bog you down with a mess of details.

The film is not totally flawless. Parts of the comedy will remind you that it came straight from the script. Another flaw is the blatant life lesson lecture towards the end. Viewers don't need the moral of the story laid out to them. This nearly ruins the entire film. I would rather be laughing at more jokes than watching a group of men have a big tear fest.

Rent "Grown Ups" when you need a good laugh and a break from your busy school schedule. You won't pay mind to the brisk weather outside while you are spending an afternoon indoors laughing.

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Muggle Quiddich World Cup

Lauryn Seering
Sports editor

Ever heard of Harry Potter? Of course you have; his name is synonymous with magic, and the seventh Harry Potter movie is scheduled to premier on Nov. 19. Did you think that the magic was only in the movies? Think that Quiddich is just for the wizarding world? Well, not anymore.

In the bestselling books by J.K. Rowling, Quiddich is the game that Harry begins to play in his first year at Hogwarts. The game starts with seven players on a team, each who are on broomsticks. Players fly around a pitch with three hoops on either side, attempting to wrack up as many points as possible before the seeker captures the golden snitch.

The game is not only popular in the wizarding world but has recently gained popularity in the muggle world, too.

In the last six years over 46 teams with 757 athletes have joined the International Quiddich Association (IQA). The IQA is a collegiate athletics program that extends across the United States. It serves to promote Quiddich as a new sport that helps outreach programs to increase athletics among children and young adults. The magic taken from the books is utilized in our world, making even the most unlikely heroes into Quiddich Champions.

"Muggle Quiddich" began in 2005 as an intramural league at Middlebury College in Vermont. The word "muggle" is derived from the book series and refers to non-magic folk. The rules were adapted from J.K. Rowling's novels, and by 2007 the first professional matches began. Instead of having professional playing fields, teams often made a makeshift one using hula-hoops and poles and instead of the large stands full of fans as shown in the films, teams often did not have more than one fan.

Now, in 2010, more than 400 colleges and 300 high schools have formed teams. The U.S. teams are split into five regions: Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, Southwest

and West. Other countries that have joined IQA include Canada, Mexico, Brazil, France, Germany, South Korea and New Zealand to name a few.

Think this is a joke? Hardly. Not only have prestigious colleges such as Yale, Princeton, Oxford, Cambridge and Harvard created Quiddich teams, but also Middlebury College has hosted its own Quiddich World Cup in New York City for the past two years.

Rowling herself has always been formally invited to the World Cup, but she has never commented on it nor denounced its popularity.

The Cup this year was held in downtown Manhattan on Saturday Nov. 13-14. Some pre-cup activities included drum dancers, fire-breathers, magic shows and live owls flying around. Wizard rock legend "Harry and the Potters" also performed after the match ended. Grounds Keeper Hagrid was the announcer for the bash, dressed in full costume.

Muggle Quiddich is kind of like rugby, soccer, basketball and dodgeball all in one. The game itself is incredibly competitive and more brutal than one would initially think. Teams of seven divide up into three chasers, two beaters, one keeper, and one seeker. Chasers use a ball, called a quaffle (usually a volleyball or basketball), and throw them into three hoops on either side

of the playing field. They have no physical contact with one another, except to tag the chasers from the other team who must drop the quaffle when tagged.

Beaters use bludgers (usually Nerf balls) and lob them at players from the opposing team. If a bludger hits a chaser, he or she must freeze

ing the duration of the game. To lose one's broomstick is to be deducted points. The broomsticks used are made by Alivan's Wands in New York. Alivan's has been creating Harry Potter merchandise for years, and it now sponsors the IQA with all of their brooms. The brooms have a warning label however, "Does not fly."

Though many colleges across the U.S. don't consider Quiddich a "sport," those who play contend otherwise. "They assume, you know, it's in the Harry Potter books, they fly around on broomsticks, how can you do that in real life?" said Sarah Landis, the unofficial New York University Quiddich captain, in an interview with CBS News. "Quiddich is actually rather difficult. It is a sport. A lot of people that go out for it aren't really sporty people, but eventually they do get into shape."

Some schools have made Quiddich into a serious sport, complete with coaches and cuts to the team, but many schools have preferred that it retained its innocence and inclusivity, even for the un-athletic. This co-ed game isn't for the timid however; pushing, shoving, hitting and tackling are allowed.

Though many professional athletes have sneered at the idea, participating in programs like Quiddich is increasing physical wellness of youths and college students alike. By sparking a person's imagination and competitive spirit in a healthy way, Quiddich may be just what the University of Wisconsin Stout Intramurals program is looking for. Some have even suggested that if UW-Stout had a Quiddich team, then students would attend matches on Thursdays instead of hitting the bars.

After all, if it worked for Princeton and Oxford, why couldn't it work here?

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for 10 seconds and the opposing team can intercept the quaffle to score. Keepers protect the goals in the meantime. Finally, a seeker is the person whose job it is to grab the golden snitch, a small, golden ball with wings that flies incredibly fast.

In Muggle Quiddich, the golden snitch is a cross-country runner dressed in yellow spandex with a pair of wings on his back. He or she carries a tennis ball in a sock that the seeker must grab out of the waistband of his or her shorts. At the start of the game, the snitch is unleashed across campus, to run back to the field when he chooses (usually every five or 10 minutes). When the seeker finally catches the snitch, his or her team is awarded 150 points, and the game is over.

Players in Muggle Quiddich must always have a broomstick between their legs dur-



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Basketball Bash: A slam dunk

Jodi Larson
Staff writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout basketball bash was a huge success. On Wednesday, Nov. 10, the men's and women's basketball teams hosted their annual basketball bash. It was a great turn out hundreds of students, family and friends attended the event to see what the basketball teams have to offer this season.

The basketball bash is put on to help get the student body more involved with the Blue Devil basketball teams. It is a lot of fun with plenty of opportunities for prizes. Fans are able to meet the players who will be leading the way into the season and show their support.

Team member Amanda Daleiden said, "The bigger the fan base the more the team succeeds and helps them play. There is a completely different feel to playing on the court when there are more people in the stands. Attending our games helps people know about the team and what we're all about."

Both teams are working really hard this year and cannot stress enough how much fan support helps them play. Mahlon Thomas, a senior and captain of the team, said, "The fans are the backbone of this team and the one thing that keeps us going. That's the only way we're going to have a good season. The fans are important to us, and it's good to have people there cheering and supporting us."

Throughout the event, the audience was able to enjoy performances by the UW-Stout dance and cheerleading teams, as well as many con-

tests. A majority of the crowd got involved for many of the contests, including most free throws, most three-point shots, best slam-dunk and the four-shot, free-semester-tuition contest.

The prizes included food, restaurant gift certificates, tanning sessions, a Kodak printer and the most desired prize; free tuition for one semester, which has only been accomplished once. If you are interested in finding another way to earn some college tuition money, sharpen up your shooting skills and come out to next years basketball bash.

The event opened with the lights off and the spotlight on as the audience cheered each player to center stage with "The Final Countdown" playing through the speakers. The players got their time to shine as the announcer called each member of the men and women's basketball teams representing this year's 2010-2011 UW-Stout Blue Devils.

First up was a 10-minute scrimmage of the women's basketball team. The women were able to showcase what the team has to offer this year and what each individual player can bring to the court. The team looks aggressive with great ball handling, speed and knowledge of plays.

Jessika Smith, a sophomore in the graphic communications management program said, "We are constantly making improvements; everyone is finding their role on the team, and it will be great to see what happens when we start playing. There is a definite eagerness to play."

Daleiden said, "I see a lot of the girls have a fire in them. They have the motivation and willingness to work hard and become a

strong team." This year's team is predominantly comprised of underclassmen. There is a lot of potential for improvement and bringing the younger women up to college-level basketball. It involves a lot of teamwork and communication on the court. The team's aggression and speed will play a huge part in taking on the WIAC basketball teams.

The men are also looking good for this year's basketball season. During the men's 10-minute scrimmage, the team showed strengths in speed and shooting but is lacking in defense.

Captain Jerrod Buchholtz said, "We have a good core and recruitment coming in. The team scores the ball really well, but it is whether or not we can get stops on the defensive end. One thing we don't have is a defender that can stop the other team and keep the ball off our side of the court."

The men's team is also predominantly freshmen and sophomores, leaving room for experience that will take time. The younger players are in the transition stage into college basketball, which will take leadership from upperclassmen and motivation to conquer.

"The team is going to have to bring up the new guys and it's going to take some time to see who can fill which positions," said Thomas. "That's going to determine our season. The team is very athletic this year, and I can see a lot of effort coming out from the guys."

The Blue Devil basketball teams will host the annual Thanksgiving weekend tournament, the Quality Inn and Suites Turkey Shootout on Saturday, Nov. 27 and Sunday, Nov. 28. The

women will play St. Scholastica on Nov. 27 at 5 p.m., while the men will host Northland College at 7 p.m. Show your support for Blue Devil athletics, and bring your ID for free admission.



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Adam Wadzinski makes a dunk.

A weekend victory for the hockey team

Morgan Pfaller
Staff writer

After six games on the road, the University of Wisconsin-Stout men's hockey team finally played its first home game in the Dunn County Stadium. The team faced the St. Scholastica Saints on Friday, Nov. 12 and again on Saturday, Nov. 13. Both games resulted in a victory for the Blue Devils.

This weekend, the team faced not only opponents, but tension and backlash from fans and peers. Since the creation of the Facebook group "Boycotting the 2010-2011 UW-Stout Hockey Team," the team has felt that a winning season may shed a more positive light on the team.

"I think we were all disappointed to see the group on Facebook; however, we understand the rationale behind it" said Robert Carr, a senior from Roseau, Minn., "We try to just focus on what we can control, and that's hockey."

The team seemed to be accomplishing that very well when it took on the Saints this past

weekend. "St. Scholastica is a team that plays very hard and physical; we are expecting two very fast-paced and competitive games," Carr said. "With this weekend being an NCHA (Northern Collegiate Hockey Association) opponent, we focus on the importance of winning these games. We try to take these games one shift or period at a time; we can't get too far ahead of ourselves."

During Friday night's game, UW-Stout quickly jumped ahead with a 4-0 lead within the first period. Both teams scored twice in the second period and St. Scholastica scored three goals in the third period to pull a 6-5 lead. At the start of the fourth period, the score was close until UW-Stout's Sam Carr, a sophomore from Roseau, Minn., scored with less than two minutes left in the game to give the final two goal cushion.

Dan Cecka, a freshman from Woodbury, Minn., scored the first goal for UW-Stout and Branden Gay, a senior from Calgary, Alberta, doubled the score with a power play goal. Sam Carr scored his first goal, and his brother,

Robert Carr, also scored shorthanded midway through the game. UW-Stout's Tom Lescovich, a sophomore from Clifton Park, N.Y., recorded 36 saves and combined with the special teams to turn away six of seven St. Scholastica power play opportunities.

In any sport, home team advantage is huge; it is critical for the team to play well and remain focused one game at a time. When asked how the team prepares for two games back-to-back, Robert Carr said, "It is always one game at a time, but playing at home makes it very easy to get motivated. We feel that all home games are must wins. It is important to take advantage of playing at home in front of our fans."

Saturday's game was not a disappointment for UW-Stout fans, the game opened very similarly to the night before when the Blue Devils scored within the first two minutes of the game. Unfortunately, the Saints quickly tied the score a few minutes later. UW-Stout knotted the score less than a minute later when Casey Kirley, a freshman from Hayward, Wis,

scored. The Blue Devils took a three to one lead on a power play goal by Kevin O'Donnell, a freshman from Stoughton, Wis, scored before the end of the first period.

The following period remained scoreless. However, the third period brought on much anticipation and excitement as Jason Cohen, a sophomore from Anchorage, Alaska, scored his first UW-Stout goal and sealed a victory for the Blue Devils.

"When a tragedy affects so many, it can make a winning season seem insignificant," Carr said regarding the misfortune involving some former teammates. The team is hoping fans will separate what incidents have taken place off the ice and what happens in the rink.

"The support of the students and community has been a blessing for our team. We are grateful we have been given this opportunity to show our talent," said Carr.

Stout will be at UW-Stevens Point, Friday, Nov. 19 and Saturday, Nov. 20.

Blue Devil SCOREBOARD



Blue Devil Soccer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's soccer head coach, Meagan Frank, will be retiring at the end of this year. Frank has been coaching since 2006, and during her five seasons, the team compiled a record of a 29-58-5 overall, and 12-25-3 record in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC). She is resigning because of personal issues, though leaving from soccer forever.

Next game: Soccer has finished for this season.



Blue Devil Hockey

The UW-Stout hockey team took a weekend sweep over St. Scholastica at the Dunn County Ice Arena on Nov. 13. The game opened with UW-Stout scoring within the first two minutes. Jason Cohen scored his first goal eight minutes into the third period. Tom Lescovich had a total of 25 saves.

Next Game: UW-Stout will be at UW-Stevens Point on Nov. 19 and Nov. 20.



Men's Basketball

The Blue Devils won their season opener against Bethel, 95-69, at Johnson Feildhouse on Nov. 11. Eric Hostetter led all players in points and rebounds, shooting 9-16 from the field, 5-10 from beyond the arc, scoring an overall total of 23 points. Jerrod Buchholtz opened up the scoring by connecting on three straight three-pointers. Mahlon Thomas finished the game with nine points and nine rebounds.

Next game: UW-Stout will travel to Crown College on Saturday, Nov. 20.

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First snow for football players

Andy Liddell

Staff writer

Saturday, Nov. Oct. 13 was Parent's Day for the University of Wisconsin-Stout football team. On this occasion the players' parents were out on the field early before the game to take pictures, but there was one uninvited guest – snow.

From late Friday afternoon until Saturday night, a slushy combination of snow and water sprinkled on Menomonie, causing a 45-minute delay of the game. Between having to clear off the field due to snow and the continuing snowfall during the game, the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and the University of Wisconsin-Stout were both struggling to get the game under way.

Craig Warminski a fifth-year senior and running back for the Blue Devils, ran for 180 yards total including a 86-yard touchdown late in the game in the slippery conditions. While both sides pushed hard to score, the conditions remained slick and unsteady. "In the slush your feet just got soaked immediately and were freezing," Warminski said.

The amount of catches to the number of passes certainly shows that the ball was, indeed, hard to hold onto. Only 12 of 34 passes were completed by quarterback Ross Carey, but what the Blue Devils lacked in completed passes, they made up for in carried yards. In total, the team put on 445 yards, 280 of them

being on the ground.

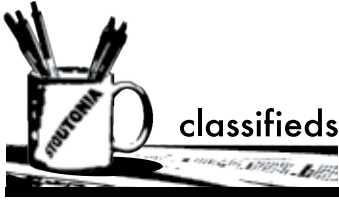
"Obviously, we had to run the ball a lot because the ball was so slippery," He also said. "The coaches understood what we could do and acted accordingly."

Warminski said that it wasn't just his outstanding running that helped the team, that without the help of his teammates, it would be impossible to win any games at all.

"Antawan Walker was really impressive," Warminski said. "Kudos to him for catching the ball when it's that slippery outside." Warminski also mentioned that Pat Mengelkoch did a great job spearheading a possession, which drove down to UW-Oshkosh's four-yard line. With three minutes left in the game, Warminski managed to break through and sprint down the field 86 yards giving the Blue Devils a final tally of 28, beating UW-Oshkosh 28 – 10.

"We didn't make it to the playoffs, but we wanted to win it for the parents and for ourselves," Warminski said.

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2	1	921 Main Street #4	\$360	Huge rooms, lots of parking, porch, good location	4
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2	1	1203 14th Avenue East	\$395	Large lower duplex, good-sized rooms, off-street parking	D
2	1	1221 1/2 7th Street E	\$480	Nice, large apt, porch, WSG, heat, HW & parking included	4
2	1	619 13th Avenue E	\$480	Incl. heat, WSG, hot water, excellent location w/ parking	4

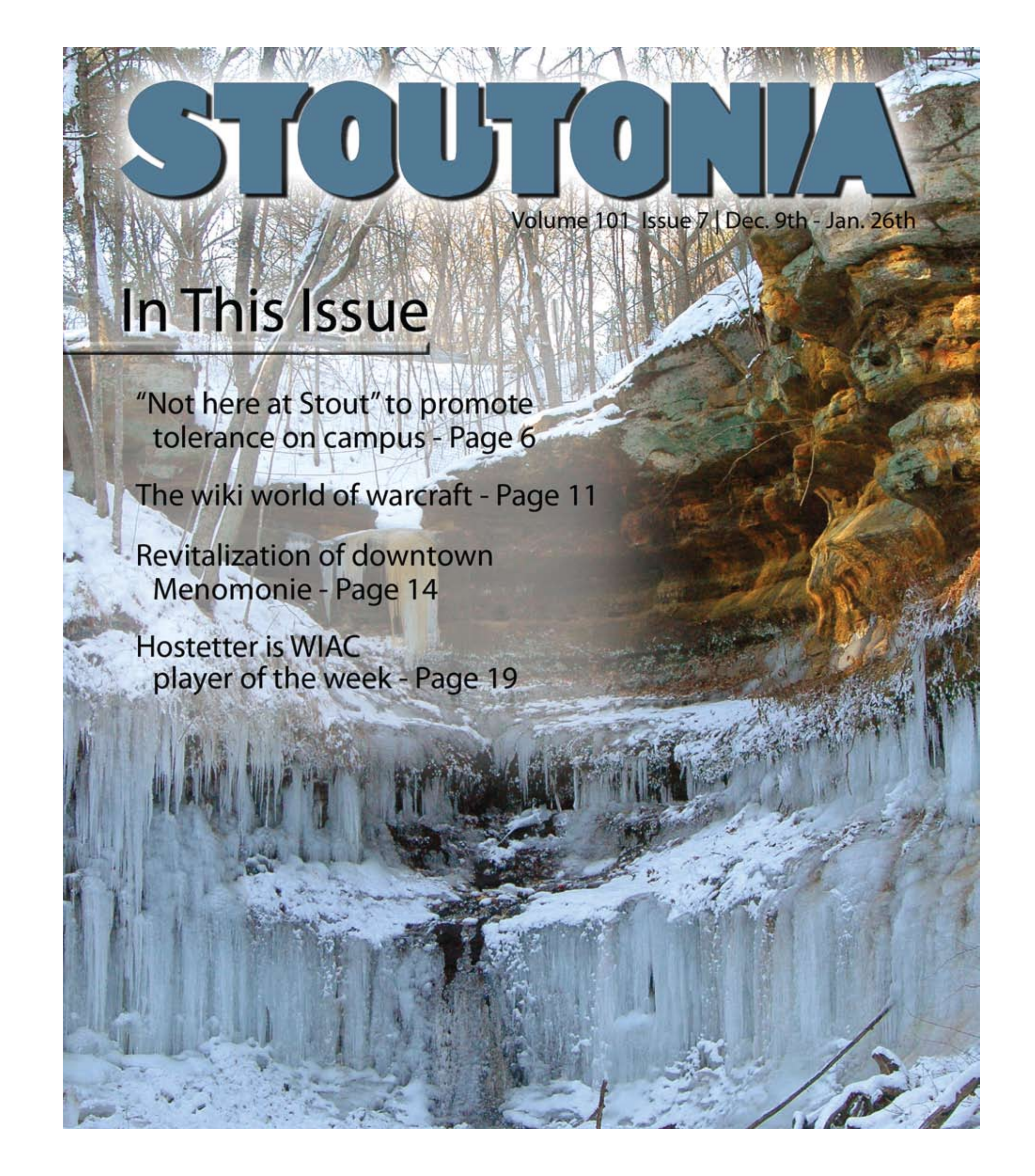
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2	1	802 6th Avenue #5	\$550	Great apartment, huge rooms, includes utilities & parking	6
2	1	802 6th Avenue #6	\$550	Nice apartment, large rooms, utilities & parking included	6
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #1	\$560	Cute apt, private entrance, parking, heat, WSG & HW incl.	6
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #6	\$560	Great apt, new shower, parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6
3	1	2215 1/2 5th Street E	\$425	Lower duplex, incl. W/D, off-street parking, great location	D
3	1	220 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$620	Upper duplex, incl. W/D, off-street parking, great location	D
3	1	220 12th Avenue West	\$620	Large lower duplex, washer/dryer, parking, great location	D
3	1	802 6th Avenue #4	\$650	Nice apt, private entrance, includes utilities & parking	A
4	1	1120 15th Avenue E	\$650	Good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, off-street parking	D
4	2	1319 8th Street E	\$820	Nice, good-sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #1	\$820	Nice & spacious, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, nice location	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #4	\$820	Nice & spacious, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, nice location	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #5	\$820	Nice & spacious, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, nice location	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #8	\$820	Nice & spacious, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, nice location	8
4	1	1215 10th Street E	\$840	3-season porch, built-ins, W/D, storage, garage, large yard	H
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #7	\$1,000	Nice & spacious, W/D, includes all utilities, A/C, parking	8
5	1	1121 8th Avenue E	\$700	Large house, new flooring, front porch, off-street parking	H
5	2	1402 8th Street E	\$800	Corner lot, washer/dryer, off-street parking, full basement	H
5	2	504 10th Street E	\$900	Huge house, big rooms, W/D, basement storage, parking	H
5	2	2008 5th Street #A	\$950	Large house, good-sized rooms, W/D, off-street parking	3
5	2	1521 8th Street E	\$1,000	Nice-sized rooms, new paint, W/D, big yard, good location	H
5	2.5	1502 7th Street E	\$1,100	Recently remodeled, washer/dryer, porch, large yard	H
5	2	321 20th Avenue #D	\$1,200	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, den, W/D, parking, etc.	4
5	2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,225	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus!	H
5	2	1708 6th Street #B	\$1,350	Fabulous apt, W/D, large rooms, parking, has everything!	D
6	2	1402 8th Street E	\$800	Corner lot, washer/dryer, off-street parking, full basement	H
6	2	504 10th Street E	\$900	Huge house, big rooms, W/D, basement storage, parking	H
6	2	1603 7th Street E	\$900	Nice house, washer/dryer, recent updates, off-street parking	H
6	2	1602 8th Street E	\$1,100	Nice house, good location, nice rooms, washer/dryer	H
6	2	115 17th Avenue West	\$1,200	Nice house, great location, W/D, front porch & garage	D
6	2	321 20th Avenue #A	\$1,200	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #B	\$1,200	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #C	\$1,200	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	220 12th Avenue West	\$1,240	2 full kitchens, 2 washer/dryer sets, parking, great location	H
6	2	1415 1/2 8th Street E	\$1,300	Fabulous apt, W/D, large, nice rooms, lots of parking & more	D
7	2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,225	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus	H
7	3	1102 10th Street E	\$1,600	Nice, big house, good-sized rooms, W/D, 2-car garage	H
7	3	819 7th Street E	\$1,510	Fabulous house, washer/dryer, big corner lot, 2-car garage	H
8	3	1421 South Broadway	\$1,840	Great house! Big rooms, W/D, across from stadium, garage	H

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~~Smooth~~ CRIMINALS

Tales of stupidity
from Menomonie

Citations Issued

Nov. 22 through Dec. 8

Underage drinking, 1st offense – 24

Underage drinking, 2nd offense – 3

Underage drinking, 3rd offense – 2

Possession of marijuana – 9

Possession of drug paraphernalia – 8

Criminal possession of marijuana – 2

Criminal possession of drug paraphernalia – 2

Criminal possession of schedule II narcotics – 3

Vandalism – 1

Resisting/obstructing an officer – 1

Fail to stop for flashing red light – 1

Deposit of human waste/public urination – 1

Disorderly conduct – 3

Theft (\$100-\$1,000) - 1

Fire sale Nov. 22. A fire extinguisher was found outside of Price Commons. The extinguisher did not belong to UW-Stout and had no other information on it. The extinguisher will be available in the surplus sale along with all the other merchandise from the Memorial Student Center.

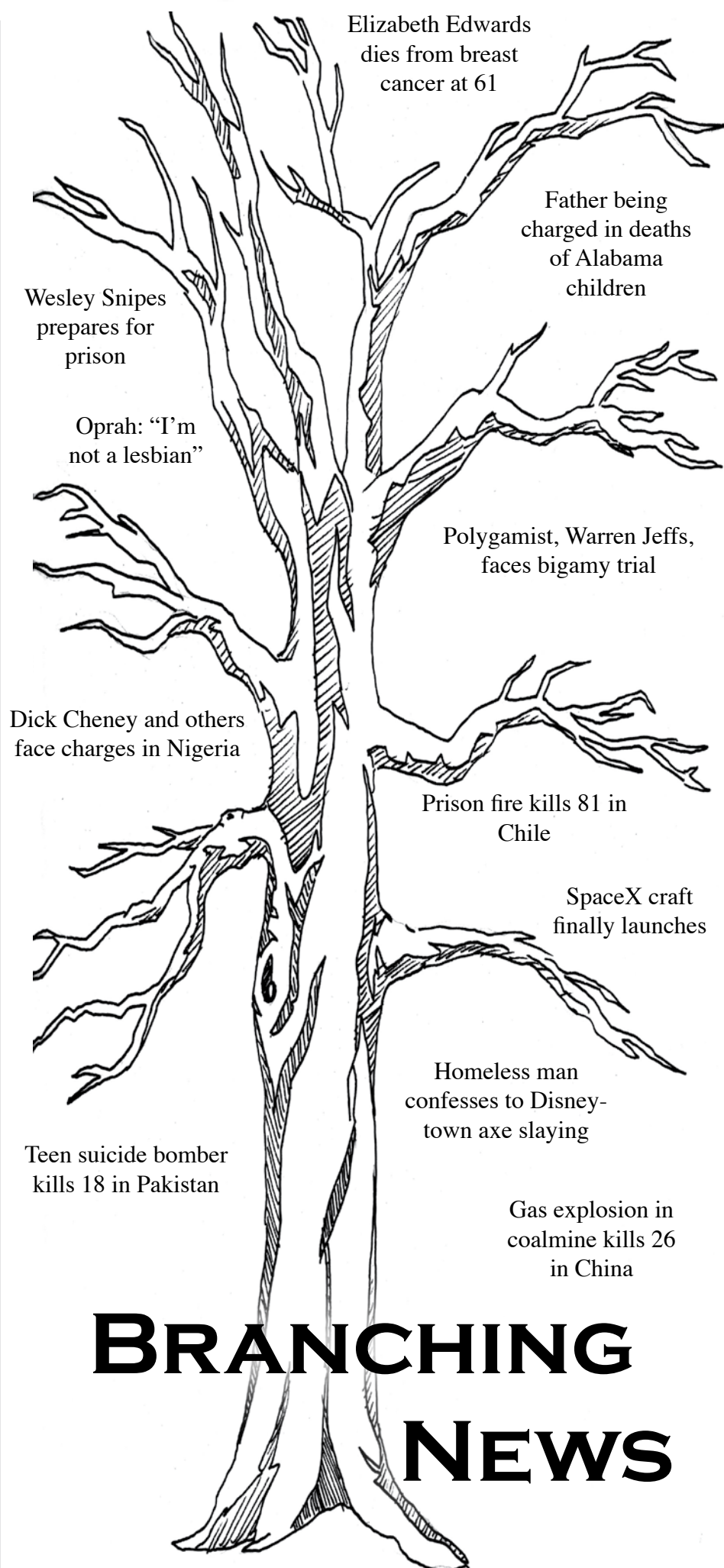
Do you think you're better off alone? Nov. 23. At 1:50 a.m., a professor at UW-Stout notified the police of a person who appeared to be "camping out" in the third floor bathrooms of Jarvis Hall. Upon investigation, the police found a student operating on his ingrown toenails with a pocketknife. The student was asked to leave and cooperated without incident. For one, nail clippers are \$1.19, and for two, gross.

¿Hablas Español? Dec. 2. A resident in Milnes Hall reported receiving phone calls from an unknown number. The student stated that the caller spoke, but the language did not make any sense. The police attempted to reach the unknown caller, but could not understand what was being said either. As a final attempt, they handed the phone to someone with a Hispanic accent and the issue was resolved. Next time, try choosing a minor in Spanish. That way, these types of issues can be resolved without police involvement.

Gone in 60 seconds Dec. 2. A steamroller was found running outside of Bowman Hall without an operator. No contractor personnel were in the area, so an officer shut down the machine and removed the key. At least we have somebody around this campus that can hotwire construction equipment. Who knows when one of the workers outside of Harvey Hall will lock their keys in the car?

Feel the burn Dec. 3. An inebriated male was found lying on the ground outside of the Johnson Field House. The officers dispatched to the scene woke the student up and gave him a ride back home. I blame rigorous exercise, not alcohol.

Lost and found Dec. 3. A police officer came across an abandoned backpack in Lot #34. Inside the backpack were several cans of beer, a blue towel and a shot glass. The cans of beer were dumped down the drain at the police station and the rest was thrown in the garbage. Who throws away a perfectly good blue towel?



Elizabeth Edwards
dies from breast
cancer at 61

Father being
charged in deaths
of Alabama
children

Wesley Snipes
prepares for
prison

Oprah: "I'm
not a lesbian"

Polygamist, Warren Jeffs,
faces bigamy trial

Dick Cheney and others
face charges in Nigeria

Prison fire kills 81 in
Chile

SpaceX craft
finally launches

Homeless man
confesses to Disney-
town axe slaying

Teen suicide bomber
kills 18 in Pakistan

Gas explosion in
coalmine kills 26
in China

BRANCHING NEWS

In with the new, out with the old

Tiffany Willits
Staff Writer

Grab a hold of your popcorn and a large soda because the State Cinema 4 on Broadway is getting a makeover. The theater has been closed for more than a year now and will be reopening to the public after winter break. General Manager Dana Neil has been working diligently on getting bids, painting, carpeting and installing new seating in hopes that her efforts will pay off during the first two weeks of January.

The remodeled State Cinema 4 features violet paint, a full kitchen, new high-top tables in all four theaters and black carpet with glow-in-the-dark galaxies. Traditional theater seats from

a Marcus or a Star Cinema will be installed sometime in the spring.

The theater continues the old tradition of offering meals with each showing. However, deep-fried broccoli bites and spaghetti dinners will no longer be served. Instead, fresh pizza will be prepared from scratch while you wait. Customers will choose their toppings on an order ticket form immediately upon entering the theater. They can sit in their assigned seats while their meal is prepared. Meals are an option to guests and only cost a few extra dollars. The theater will also offer concession candy and soda.

State Cinema 4 will show older movies as well as “middle movies,” meaning that new re-

leases will not be shown. It is a budget theater, which sets it apart from the CineMagic Stadium 7 Theater in north Menomonie.

“A budget theater is neat because it gets you out of the house, and it is fun,” said Neil. “It will be a good deal for students because it is cheaper, pretty recent movies will be shown and it is within walking distance. Each theater has high-top tables that allow for eating concession treats or pizza, which is also another unique aspect of the theater.”

“A little while after we have our feet planted we will work on broadening our activities and programs that we offer,” said Neil. “Eventually, we may try to add comedians from the cities and allow others to rent out our projectors for

board meetings. We are also considering having the video game club use the projectors to play Xbox on the big screen or any other video game. I’m also really interested in having one theater screen play an independent film from the Twin Cities.”

While the theater is still under construction, Neil hopes to advertise using flyers and posters at local downtown stores.

“We want to let people know that we are open and what we are offering. This will hopefully be a huge turnout with social media,” said Neil.

Tickets will cost \$5 for students and \$4 for children. A student discount night will be offered, as well as food combination deals. State Cinema 4 will be open for business in early January.



A shot of the recently renovated theater on Broadway.

Joe Howell/Stoutonia

Not Here at Stout

Jerad Maplethorpe
News Editor

On Monday, Dec. 13, the University of Wisconsin-Stout is hosting “Not Here at Stout,” an event dedicated to gaining support against hate and bias toward any individual or group. The event is in response to a hate incident regarding race and seven bias incidents that involved hurtful writings at various places around campus.

One incident involved the word “Faggot” being written on a dorm room door in Jeter Hall. The word was covered up with a sign that read, “Not Here.” The person responsible for writing the word was not determined.

“Our campus must be a safe and welcoming place for all members of the community to live and learn,” said Dean of Students Joan Thomas. “We do not tolerate acts of bias or hate against individuals or groups as a result of their race, sexual orientation, religion, gender or disability.”

The event is part of UW-Stout’s action plan in line with the UW-System Inclusive Excellence Diversity Initiative.

“The central premise of Inclusive Excellence holds that UW System colleges and universities

need to intentionally integrate their diversity efforts into the core aspects of their institutions—including academic priorities, leadership, quality improvement initiatives, decision making, day-to-day operations, and organizational cultures—in order to maximize their success,” (excerpt directly taken from the initiative).

“[The incidents] are investigated and adjudicated as disciplinary incidents through UWS Ch. 17 and/or the Residence Hall Code of Conduct as appropriate,” said Thomas. “Depending on the circumstances, the sanctions can be very strong to include suspension. Additionally, there can be criminal charges, again, depending on the situation.”

“Not Here at Stout” will take place in Huff’s Lounge of the Student Memorial Center from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Attendees will receive free T-shirts and window clings, along with pizza, cupcakes and beverages. In addition, participants will sign a pledge to “denounce bias and hate actions.” Other opportunities to get involved in social justice will be announced as well.

“Discriminatory behaviors are not welcome here,” said Thomas. “Respect for differences will make our community strong. Together, we will make a difference.”



Taylor Friedlander/Contributed Photo

Missy Schmitz expresses her disapproval of intolerance at UW-Stout.

Holiday giving

Jerad Maplethorpe
News Editor

Do you have any old coats, mittens, hats or toys that you no longer need? This is your chance to donate those items, or any other clothing items, to the Children’s Hospital and the Pacer Center, an organization devoted to enhancing the lives of children and young adults with disabilities.

On Dec. 14 and 15, from 2:30 to 5 p.m.,

bring the “stuff you do not want or use anymore” to room 331 of Jarvis Hall.

If you do not have anything to give, you can bring a signed Christmas or “holiday” card. Aimee Finley, the event coordinator, will then address the cards to the children once she is at the hospital or organization center.

For more information, or to schedule a different time to donate, contact Aimee Finley at finleya@my.uwstout.edu.

PONG’s last overnight LAN until MSC reopens

Jerad Maplethorpe
News Editor

The MSC is closing for remodeling until the spring of 2012. While the building is out of commission, campus organizations that used the MSC have to find new locations to base their operations.

This has been a particularly difficult task for PONG (People’s Organization of Network Gaming) because the organization has not yet found a location to conduct its overnight LAN parties. These parties have been a defining characteristic of the organization.

On Friday, Dec. 10, PONG is hosting “WinterWonderLAN,” the organization’s last overnight LAN party for a year and a half. The event starts at noon and lasts for 48 hours. Tournaments to be played include Starcraft II, Halo:

Reach, TrackMania and Minecraft. The event is free to anyone who wants to attend.

PONG also announced some other big news.

“We have kicked off our Starcraft II team, which represents the face of the University of Wisconsin-Stout as its first step into pro-gaming for the campus,” said PONG Vice President Tucker DeWolf. “It operates under PONG, and its main purpose is to bring students together and encourage improving skill through competitive play and practices as a team.”

DeWolf stated that the new collegiate Starcraft II team would serve as the “life” of the organization while the MSC is being renovated. Once the renovation is completed, the organization plans on having a “very large ‘return to MSC’ LAN.”

For additional information, visit <http://pong.uwstout.edu/>.

TAKE THE POLAR PLUNGE!



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Lake Tainter in Menomonie
Saturday, February 6 from 12-2 p.m.

Pre-registration

UW Stout Memorial Student Center, Northwoods Room
Wednesday, February 3 from 4-8 p.m.

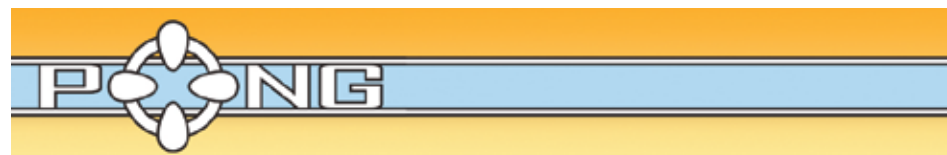
Catch a free bus to the Plunge from the Student Union (Look for Plunge signs and the blue bus) starting at 11:30 a.m. and every half hour until 1:30 p.m.

Minimum of \$25 to plunge or \$75 for the official shirt
See website for list of incentives



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Freezin' For A Reason



James Huff Stout Rememberance Day

Eric Thorson
Editor-in-chief

A short program was held in Ballroom C of the Memorial Student Center on Wednesday, Dec. 8 to honor the 100th anniversary of the death of James Huff Stout, the founder of the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Chancellor Sorensen spoke about the history of Stout and the contributions Stout made not only to the university but also to this region as a whole.

"He studied what society needed," said Sorensen. "He understood change as well as anyone... He would appreciate the changes that we [UW-Stout] have made."

University Editor Don Steffen then gave a biographical presentation on Stout highlighting some milestones in his life, including the fact that Bowman Hall was built with his own mon-

ey and is the only building still standing from that era. Stout gained his riches working in the lumber industry, and when he died in 1910 of a kidney ailment, he donated \$500,000 dollars toward the school, which is the equivalent of about \$11 million today.

Wisconsin Gov. Jim Doyle issued a proclamation saying that Dec. 8 will now be recognized statewide as James Huff Stout Remembrance Day. Stout was recognized with a special ringing of the bell in the clock tower at noon, which was unique from the standard tones that students hear in 15-minute intervals.

Stout shares the anniversary of his death with one of the most iconic figures of the 20th century, John Lennon, who was murdered 30 years ago. Both men left lasting legacies and still have an impact on thousands of peoples' lives to this day.



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James Huff Stout was the founder of the university in 1891.

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Tips for a successful evaluation week

Jerad Maplethorpe
News Editor

Are you stressed out about the upcoming evaluations week? Don't worry; you are not alone. Evaluation week does not have to be unbearable. With a healthy combination of study time, exercise, sleep and leisure, you will do just fine. The key to managing stress is managing time. Below are some tips to help you get through evaluation week and onto winter break.

Time management

If you are the type who likes to procrastinate until the last minute, you are likely to find evaluation week very stressful. Sit down and plan your entire week out; it will help you feel in control of the situation.

Get adequate sleep

Get adequate sleep – I know it is tough enough to find time for sleep as it is, but it is absolutely essential that you get a good amount of rest during evaluation week. Sleep helps us process and retain information we have acquired throughout the day. Avoid alcohol and other mind-altering substances for the best results.

Exercise

If you do not exercise often, evaluation week would be a good time to start. Exercise is not only a good form of stress relief, but it also keeps the mind sharp. Be careful not to overdo it and wear yourself out, though. Even simple activities like going for a walk are helpful.

Form study groups

While you probably have access to all the study materials you need, study groups help you clarify information by getting other perspectives. In addition, helping others with their studies boosts your own understanding of the material. If you cannot meet in person, online discussion groups can be effective as well.

Ask the professor for help

Ask the professor for help – Do not feel like you are bothering a professor by asking him or her questions. It is his or her job to clarify information and help you be successful. After all, you are paying for it.

Find time for yourself

If all you do over evaluation week is study, study, study, you are bound to get burnt out. Take an occasional break and do things you want to do and not only what you need to do. Taking in too much information at one time hinders your ability to focus.

It is worth the effort

You will probably experience an elevated amount of stress during evaluation week. Just remember that once you are through it, you get a month off to recuperate. It is worth the effort.

Library Hours

Sun. 12: 1 p.m. – 2 a.m.

Mon. 13: 7:30 a.m. – 2 a.m.

Tue. 14: 7:30 a.m. – 2 a.m.

Wed. 15: 7:30 a.m. – 2 a.m.

Thu. 16: 7:30 a.m. – 2 a.m.

Fri. 17: 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sat. 18: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sun. 19: 1 p.m. – midnight

Mon. 20: 7:30 a.m. – midnight

Tue. 21: 7:30 a.m. – midnight

Wed. 22: 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Thu. 23: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Politics is the ultimate sport

Scott Perlick
Contributing Writer

It can be said that politics and sports have quite a bit in common, especially with the political climate of the past decade. It seems a majority of people align themselves with a team, republican or democrat, Packers or Vikings, and fight for a victory. There is one major difference between sports and politics, though. If a sports team wins, it will not affect the supporter one bit. A victory may mean bragging rights or money won, but in the end, life will go on and absolutely nothing of any true importance will change.

The sport on the other hand—politics—has the potential to change the direction of the country, the economic standings of the future, wars, foreign relations, taxes, domestic policy and education opportunities. Political outcomes have the potential to change lives, immensely. With this said, it is amazing that when talking to student's on our campus about politics, the majority offer only blank stares. However, when talking about sports, students offer conversation and demonstrate involvement. We must realize the difference between the two and the consequences of our neglect for political awareness.

Oscar Wilde spent a year traveling across the United States in order to pass his experience on

to scholars in Europe. In his lecture, "Impressions of America," he stated that "Americans are the best politically educated people in the world." Well, not anymore. With the turnout of the last election, this is obviously not the case in America today. During the midterm elections in November, we had an election turnout of around 42 percent of the 218 million eligible registered voters. This gives us around 92 million citizens who took the half-hour to vote during these elections. In comparison, 94 million Americans spent four hours watching the 2009 Super Bowl.

To place this somewhat in perspective for those of us attending this university, when the Packers play the Vikings, the house I live in and the bars I frequent are packed with cheering fans. Arguments and fights will break out, and I hear about the outcome for weeks to follow. During election night, houses and bars were relatively empty, most bars did not have election results on the televisions and again, blank stares formed on the faces of patrons when political subjects were brought up.

After talking to many students at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, I realize many feel like they are disenfranchised from politics and feel they have no real say in what happens. They feel their one vote will not change anything and their involvement will be a waste of

time. They feel they have no agency in politics. This unfortunately turns many people away. What should be surprising, though, is the ultimate zero agency that any major sports fan has in the team he or she supports. A fan will never have an opportunity to play, never be able to change the outcomes of the plays, has no say in who is drafted or who the coach is, and will have to pay dearly to see a stadium game. This is true disenfranchisement. The interesting part is that we will continue to support these teams, argue about who will win and who will lose and become emotionally involved with our favorite team. Still, we will neglect the true challenge that matters—who we will be voting for and why.

We should realize that sports are a great source of entertainment and are much needed in our exceedingly passive world. Sports can give us something to stand for and a bigger picture to back. What we must realize is the ultimate sport has been around forever, politics. The problem is that we need to think, become involved and be willing to take responsibility if something bad happens because of our actions. In politics, we can truly have agency to affect what is around us and become involved in the world we live in. Our involvement matters.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The Nov. 18-Dec. 6 edition of the Stoutonia contained an opinion piece about the University of Wisconsin-Stout tobacco-free campus initiative. A few assertions in the piece need clarifying:

- This is not an administration-imposed initiative. UW-Stout students voted twice in the last two years in support of first, a smoke-free campus and then a tobacco-free campus. UW-Stout students have taken the lead in telling the administration that they want a healthy, tobacco-free campus. The initiative simply is a way to implement the students' wishes.

- The writer questions why the university has not started issuing citations to violators, implying that there is no legal authority to do so. That is not the case. We have been advised by the General Counsel's Office within the UW-System that we do have the ability to issue citations to those who violate the policy. However, Chancellor Sorensen continues to believe that the vast majority of UW-Stout students, faculty and staff are responsible enough to abide by the policy voluntarily. Any decision to begin issuing citations would be done only after consultation with the Stout Student Association, the Faculty Senate, Senate of Academic Staff and other groups on campus.

- The writer suggests that "there are much worse things the University of Wisconsin-Stout is doing that is of far greater risk to our health than a couple of petty smokers." He then cites car exhaust. UW-Stout, year after year, is the most energy efficient campus in the UW System and has a major project underway to reduce its carbon footprint. These two initiatives are not related. There is a real health concern about secondhand smoke. Secondhand smoke is classified as a "known human carcinogen" (cancer-causing agent) by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. National Toxicology Program and the International Agency for Research on Cancer. Tobacco smoke contains over 4,000 chemical compounds; more than 60 of these are known or suspected to cause cancer. Comparing secondhand smoke to car exhaust is a well-used red herring.

The effort to provide a tobacco-free environment is growing slowly across the UW-System, and other campuses in the system have contacted UW-Stout for details on its tobacco-free campus initiative. The University of Wisconsin-Stout students should feel proud of the leadership they have shown in this important effort.

Doug Mell, Executive Director of Communications and External Relations

Facebook is changing the way we communicate

Brandt Ambercrombie III
Contributing Writer

Before reading this, I would like to say that I recently logged off Facebook and have no intention of going back. There are many reasons for my departure. I could rant about the Orwellian nature of data mining to the needless waste of time face-stalking and games like Farmville result in. However, to save you the burden of reading too much cynical content, I will discuss only one idea. This idea involves communication, meaning and the degeneration of logical thought.

I recently read an article in the Los Angeles Times called "The Zuckerberg Revolution." In this article, the author attempts to contrast the influence of Johannes Gutenberg's printing press to the growing revolution of Facebook and other forms of social networking. The author, Neal Gabler, exerts the idea that the invention of the printing press resulted in the "typographic man." Once communication was put into a form of print, the nature of text led to uniformity and a logical structure for thought and understanding. This change facilitated a liberating movement, which allowed for the communication of complex ideas throughout the masses. As the author states, "It was no accident that the (printing press) coincided with the Renaissance. Print made us think better or,

at least, with greater discipline."

Fast forward to 2010, and we are on the precipice of another revolution in how we create, interpret and share information. If the original development of print culture helped create thought that was rational, ordered and engaging, the digital age may be causing the exact opposite effect. Zuckerberg himself introduced seven principles as a foundation to the next generation of communication or "communication 2.0." In the world of Facebook, messages should be short, seamless, informal, immediate, personal, simple and minimal.

It is impossible to argue how much more easily it is to communicate and to share ideas through the new digital medium social networking provides. However, it can also be argued that "communication 2.0" is not conducive for conveying deep, conscientious ideas or thought. I completely agree with the thesis Neal Gabler argues in regard to the revolution of digital communication. He thinks that rather than cultivating a deeper and more meaningful expression of understanding and ideas, the current model results in an increasingly narcissistic and shallow form of communication. "The sites, and the information on them, billboard our personal blathering, the effluvium of our lives, and they wind up not expanding the world but shrinking it to our own dimensions." The recent move in content and information is not trivial.

The ways in which millions of individuals understand themselves, others and reality is now largely influenced by their interaction with this new medium.

Now you may be asking, "So what? Ideas are still being communicated. How is the manner and medium in which information is transmitted important?" I personally feel it is important. If the printing press resulted in a logical "typographic man/ woman", then there is no doubt that the current revolution is also causing a change in how we understand ourselves and interact with the world.

I believe that Neal Gabler exemplified this idea with his closing statement, "Ideas, of course, will survive, but more and more they will live at the margins of culture; more and more they will be a private reserve rather than a general fund. Meanwhile, everything at the cultural center militates against the sort of serious engagement." In a world of increasing complexity and a need for social/ political engagement, our newest form of communication is becoming a detriment to deep and meaningful changes. We are at a moment when individuals and groups need to unify and cooperate. Instead, we are creating an environment which polarizes and dilutes the value of information. No longer is the access of information for the general population liberating; instead, people are using information as a distraction from their lives.

The “venerable day of the sun”

Sunni Balejandrofield

Contributing Writer

With the holidays quickly approaching, people are already stocking up on gifts and making plans to go home for winter break. The majority of the students here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout will be going home and celebrating Christmas with their families. For those who do not celebrate or are not familiar with the significance and celebration of Christmas, consider it your lucky day. In the case that you are just a personified Grinch, just remember that Christmas is a federally accepted and lawful holiday—so you have no choice but to sit back, observe and watch it happen.

I have trouble understanding why people go out of their way to “keep the Christ in Christmas.” Are they afraid that if we call it something else, we might forget about the miracle story of Jesus? Is it because Christians want full recognition and tax-free ownership of the birth of our lord and savior? Or might it be because there is an omnipotent price to pay if the story is not literally interpreted? Not surprisingly, all of those possibilities might reveal the answer.

Did you know that Jesus Christ wasn’t even born on Dec. 25? Even the new Catholic encyclopedia acknowledges that nobody really knows when Jesus was born. It’s been argued for centuries, but no evidence has proven without a doubt the exact date, or if there ever was one. Everyone agrees that it is highly unlikely that Jesus was even born in the winter, making the literal interpretation hard to fathom.

In a study published by David Gal and Derek Rucker in “Psychological Science,” they found that the more people doubt their beliefs, the more they are inclined to proselytize in favor of them. Their findings reveal a worrisome paradox. For those who are open to logic and common sense, the real meaning of Christmas is actually a miracle of omnipotent proportions; however you choose to look at it. In the northern hemisphere, Christmas is the day our earth’s tilt awakens from its deathly decline of daylight and makes a turn toward the steady rise of spring.

In case you didn’t know the history of Christmas, the first converted Christian Roman Emperor Constantine, in 321 A.D., proclaimed to his people that Christians and non-Christians should be united in observing the “venerable day of the sun.” He was responsible for the Christian adoption of celebrating the birth of Jesus on Dec. 25. A move that has lasted still to this day.

The Romans celebrated the winter solstice many years before the alleged birth of Christ. They called their winter holiday Saturna-

lia, honoring Saturn, the God of Agriculture. There are plenty of other gods in history who have their birthday on Christmas, including Mithras, the Persian sun god and Horus, the Egyptian sun god deity. Actually, there are a

any longer or shorter, the earth’s tilt is dead if you will. On 25th of December however, the earth reverses its tilt and moves toward a brighter future, foreshadowing longer days, warmth and spring. Thus it was said, the sun died on

in between.

I respect the importance that people place on their particular religious holidays; we all see God in different ways and we are all just trying to live up to what light we have. If Christmas was called something different, I would still possess the emotions necessary for considerate thought. Ethical standards are not rooted in the mythical interpretation of religious ideas we’ve been conditioned to believe without question. Rather, it’s rooted in an understanding of human suffering through the experiences of our everyday life and those of our friends and family.

I cannot claim to believe in or know the workings of an all-knowing, all-loving and omnipotent man-God. To claim that we know what man-God wants would assume that we understand what makes man-God tick, and there is no way that I could ever claim that. I can only see the tick that turns on Christmas and the summer solstice—which by the way, is Christmas time for those who live south of the equator.

I originate from a half-Catholic, half-Lutheran family, and I have celebrated Christmas every year of my life. I’ve always interpreted Christmas as some cold and curious holiday that I always enjoy but never fully understand. I never understood the battle strategies of those people attempting to dismantle the Christmas holiday or take the Christ out of Christmas. I do not intend to wage war on Christmas; this would inhibit me from receiving the gifts of nature that Target intended.

In fact, I love Christmas. I always have, and I always will. My only intention is to understand its history and better appreciate its significance. We should all appreciate the inclusive and truthful miracle experienced by all of us on Christmas day. Ultimate Christian reality isn’t about the religious references, or lack thereof for that matter, but more about the emotion of unity and the banding together of the immediate family.

As you make your way home for the holidays, make it a goal to start an enlightening conversation with your family about the meaning of Christmas. You’ll be surprised at how much you can all relate what you already know. If you’re struggling to get the discussion going, start with this question: Have you ever stopped to think and wonder why in the deepest of days, in the trench-like darkness of winter, do we celebrate Christmas? The truth really is what you have always been told, to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ, our lord and savior—the king of kings—the light of the world—the Sun of God.



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lot of deities in history that seem to have that same birthday. In the 1800s, Issac Newton even argued that the real reason we celebrate Christmas is to correlate with the winter solstice. It is not a coincidence.

From a scientific standpoint, Christmas actually makes a lot of sense. The winter solstice is the time when Earth reaches its lowest tilt on its axis. But this low point remains still for three days: Dec. 22, 23 and 24. During this time, the sun lies in the vicinity of the southern cross (or crux) constellation, with the days not getting

the cross, was dead for three days, only to be resurrected and born again. The Romans called it the “Birthday of the Unconquered Sun.” This is the miracle we experience every year of our lives, but more and more we are taking this for granted, not recognizing in full the true significance of Christmas.

Christmas is generally considered an exclusive holiday to Christians. I don’t see it that way. Christmas, more or less, is a time for the universal collaboration of worship and observation, with plenty of gift giving and food

The 'Wiki' World of Warcraft

Robert Kempainen
Opinions Editor

Julian Paul Assange, the infamous Australian journalist, is the founder and Editor-in-Chief of WikiLeaks, a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing important news and information into the light of day. WikiLeaks specializes in the publication of sensitive documents, especially in those not intended for the public domain.

That is exactly the kind of material that Bradley Manning, an audacious young whistleblower of American foreign policy, is accused of directly transferring to Assange. As a soldier in the U.S. Army, Manning had access to the immaculate archive of sensitive military documents while serving as an intelligence analyst in Iraq. He was quoted as saying, "I want people to see the truth...because without information, you cannot make an informed decision as a public." Manning was arrested in May of 2010 after he was found to be in connection with a video released by WikiLeaks back in April. By then however, it was too late—the documents had already been copied and spread around the world, getting prepped for publication by WikiLeaks.

Since May 2010, the WikiLeaks organization has had three large-scale releases since stumbling upon the documents smuggled by the bodacious soldier Manning; they include a video of collateral murder from a U.S. Apache helicopter and a war diary of both the Afghanistan and Iraq war logs. However, Assange and his assailants' most controversial and some might say "implicative" publications were not yet uploaded to the public domain. On Nov. 28, 2010, WikiLeaks and its five media partners, including the New York Times, began releasing 250,000 U.S. Embassy diplomatic cables from all over the world. Included are 15,652 secret cables, 101,748 confidential reports and 133,887 unclassified documents.

On Tuesday, Dec. 7, Assange was arrested and jailed after turning himself into London authorities in order to settle a warrant issued by the country of Sweden, who wants his extradition. His charges are not related to the WikiLeaks, rather, for apparently having unprotected sexual relations with two women who did not have his consent. The U.S. Department of Justice is investigating whether Assange can be prosecuted for espionage or other offenses. On Tuesday, Pentagon and State Department officials said some foreign officials have suddenly grown reluctant to trust the U.S. because of the secrets spilled by WikiLeaks.

The WikiLeaks organization will not back down in light of what many are calling bogus charges against Assange to prevent more leaks from being published. Posted on its website it reads, "We will not be censored: WikiLeaks now running in over 208 locations." According to the New Yorker Magazine, multiple "mirror sites" have been created by supporters to help keep the documents out in the public domain. Assange, who is a computer hacker himself, refers to his site as "an uncensorable system for untraceable mass document leaking and public

analysis." The New Yorker reports that if a government or company wanted to remove content from WikiLeaks, they would have to practically dismantle the Internet itself. This is not an easy task for anyone to do, which makes settling this mess all the more difficult.

To add fuel to the fire, multiple news reports that WikiLeaks' supporters have a backup/blackmail plan to disseminate data if anything happens to Assange or the website. Allegedly there are thousands of encrypted files containing an uncensored version of the dip-

lomatic force here on earth.

So what are the implications of the leaks? Interestingly enough, there are a couple of sore spots within the cables that some suggest might reveal a hidden agenda. A large part of the most sensitive cables released deal with the intelligence concerning Iran's leadership and nuclear ambitions. They reveal stances not previously made public by leaders in the Persian Gulf states of Qatar, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia, who reportedly see Tehran's al-

250,000 military documents does raise some conspiratorial alarms, especially because the important ones all point to Iran. Could this be the transparency that Obama promised? That's highly doubtful, but the end result of the WikiLeaks shenanigans will most definitely tell the tale.

Regardless of the party responsible for the WikiLeaks, the documents are now out there for all to see and to interpret. The most immediate impact will be the propaganda machines getting into full gear while journalists around the world will be trying to spin this information into their country's proper perspective. But the fact will still remain: information putting American lives at risk abroad slipped through undetected, and as a general standard, that should not be tolerated. In an article titled "The Fragile Community," David Brooks of the New York Times puts into perspective the "World Order Filter" that's needed to prevent such leaks of important diplomatic relationships from happening.

In this article, Brooks says, "The fact that we live our lives amid order and not chaos is the great achievement of civilization...This order is tenuously maintained by brave soldiers but also by talkative leaders and diplomats. Every second of every day, leaders and diplomats are engaged in a never-ending conversation. The leaked cables reveal this conversation. They show diplomats seeking information, cajoling each other and engaging in faux-friendships and petty hypocrisies as they seek to avoid global disasters."

It will be interesting to see what becomes of this WikiLeaks conspiracy to undress the government of its covert actions. Assange wrote in a recent op-ed, "WikiLeaks has revealed some hard truths about the Iraq and Afghan wars, and broken stories about corporate corruption." Will our foreign policy be able to stand up against the international community's inevitable ridicule? Will country's in the Middle East turn on each other as the cables suggest they might? If foreign officials continue to be reluctant to trust the U.S. diplomats as early signs are suggesting, then it's only a matter of time before things start change pretty rapidly, especially in the Middle East. In the long run, my hope is that the transparency WikiLeaks has created will develop a more open and honest dialogue in the international community. Possibly making room for global agreements on the immense challenges we face in this day and age.

As far as Bradley Manning is concerned, I agree with his premise that in order for a democracy to live up to its word, the public in essence, needs to know the truth to make an informed decision. However, his defection of the oath he took to defend the United States of America is no act to celebrate, and we must never trumpet it as such. In the grand scheme of things, a 22-year-old private in the U.S. army might have just have lit the match to ignite World War III. I hope to God I'm wrong.



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lomatic cables that have been sent around the world and can be opened with a special "key." They are being called the "doomsday" documents because nobody knows what exactly they might reveal. The release of these would surely create a firestorm of activity within the international intelligence community. Many leaders around the globe are calling for more documents to be released while other leaders, especially here in the states, are calling for the leakers to be executed.

News about the cables has been brewing around the globe for some time now. With this recent release, Heads of State are now able to read the often blunt and ingenuous comments U.S. diplomats have been writing about them in their private reports. For example, the Prime Minister of Italy, Silvio Berlusconi, was described as "feckless" and "vain," while the French President, Nicolas Sarkozy, was mentioned as being "thin-skinned" and possessing some authoritarian tendencies, or as the diplomat put it, "an emperor with no clothes."

These reports, regardless of their immaturity, are diplomatically relevant America's relationship with countries around the globe. There is plenty of humiliation to go around. China apparently has an obsession with Google that goes far beyond what was previously known. The leaks are an intensive look into the workings of U.S. diplomacy, describing in vivid detail the

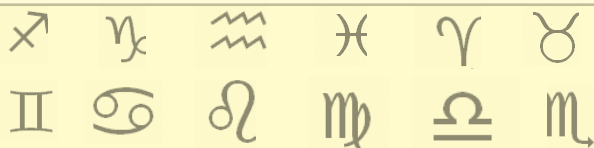
leged peaceful nuclear program as an existential threat, and previously pressed the U.S. to take military action against their powerful neighbor, Iran. Even the Saudi King was reported saying to General David Petraeus in April, 2008 that the U.S. should "cut off the head of the snake," referring to the Iranian President. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the documents vindicated their previous assessments of Iran and was relieved to hear that other nations were privately standing with them.

As a result of these revelations, Iran has taken a peculiar but predictable position on the WikiLeaks, calling the cables a covert act of "American psychological warfare," claiming that the WikiLeaks have no legal basis or relevance. The Islamic Republic of Iran and its often conspiratorial president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, is accusing the United States of purposefully allowing the confidential diplomatic correspondence to become public in order to gain international support in opposition to Iran.

I find this hard to believe. If this were true and the U.S. cooperated in the release, it would not then make sense for WikiLeaks to claim that these documents expose the corruptions, hypocrisy and venality of U.S. diplomats? Wouldn't that undermine their mission? Would that not eliminate progress that's already been made? I believe so.

However, the subversive release of over

Horoscopes



Aquarius:

Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Have you been spending too much money lately? Because of your rather controlled and practical appearance, people probably think you are conservative in your spending habits. But you tend to be rather impulsive when it comes to making impractical purchases at times. That "Pure Romance" party may have taken up your entire paycheck, but only a select few will get to reap the benefits with none the wiser.

Pisces:

Feb. 19 - March 20

It may not officially be the time for making New Year resolutions, but it's never too early to start thinking about how you want to improve your life. If there's something personal about yourself that you aren't happy with, ask your rich Uncle Larry for that plastic surgery you've been clamoring for since you were repeatedly called Pinocchio back in fifth grade.

Aries:

March 21 - April 19

This time of year, many parents warn a misbehaving child that Santa Claus is watching. Parents, however, leave the frightened children at home with a babysitter, drink too much egg nog at the office party and hook up with a co-worker because they know that Santa Claus isn't real.

Taurus:

April 20 - May 20

This is a fortunate day, Taurus, and you should enjoy good luck in most areas of life. If by chance something here or there does not work out for you, it will only be because it does not serve your best interests. So, when you bomb that final, just tell your parents that the class "didn't serve your best interests." They'll definitely understand.

Gemini:

May 21 - June 20

The future is uncertain. Of course you have dreams and ideas of where you'll be and what you'll be doing a year or two or ten from now, but all you really have is today. December graduates, you have a solid two weekends of UW-Stout living left before you become actual people make the most of it.

Cancer:

June 21 - July 22

Suppose you won a big sweepstakes and all of your financial worries were suddenly resolved. It would certainly take a lot of pressure off you, and it would clear the way for happiness. But true joy doesn't come from money, only the things you buy with the money. If there's something on your mind like a relationship problem, resolve it now by proposing.

Leo:

July 23 - Aug. 22

This is a great day for finding bargains and discovering treasures in your search for the perfect gifts for friends and loved ones. Keep in mind that you don't have to spend a lot of money to truly touch someone's heart. Goodwill has plenty of ugly sweaters and old children's toys to go around; get creative.

Virgo:

Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

If you maintain a positive outlook and an upbeat sense of anticipation, this day will prove to be worthy of the effort. The drive down to Milwaukee will seem to breeze by like nothing, but when you see your good friend's car in your significant other's driveway when you try to surprise him/her, the effort won't seem worth it and the drive back to Minneapolis will seem like a lifetime.

Libra:

Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Even though the holidays are approaching, and even though you have shopping and entertaining to consider, you would be wise to settle an outstanding debt now if at all possible. Remember when you committed to five different Fantasy Football leagues where the entry fee was \$100? You missed the playoffs in every single one of them and its time to pay up. Merry Christmas!

Scorpio:

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Constructive criticism isn't a bad thing, Scorpio. Although you are a proud sign, and you put big effort into all that you do, you may receive a rather picky assessment of your work today or sometime soon. Sorry to all you participating in the senior show for even putting this thought into your mind. You'll do great.

Sagittarius:

Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Don't give in to a temptation today if it means spending money you have allotted for something else. You may come across what appears to be a great deal, or an investment that seems to be calling your name, but spending money on something you haven't yet researched is a no-no today. Sorry, this was meant to be in the issue before Black Friday, but since you got that out of the way, try to get a little something for your loved ones this holiday season.

Capricorn:

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Keep a notebook by your bed to record any dreams you have this evening. You may feel stressed or restless today, and there could be something on your mind that you are not consciously facing. Just remember that no one knows what your dream was, so try not to act too weird around the person who was in your dream with your roommate, professor, RA and sister.



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Happy Holidays



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CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

1. Where is the world's largest Christmas tree?
2. Who was the star of the Christmas movie Jingle All The Way?
3. What is the first name of Scrooge?
4. How many reindeer drive Santa's sleigh (counting Rudolph)?
5. Who once stole Christmas?
6. Who was the author of A Christmas Carol?
7. Who was the star of the movie titled White Christmas?
8. Which Christmas carol did Jimmy Boyd make famous when he was just 12 years old?
9. Which country was the first to use the tradition of Christmas trees?
10. What did the American Ralph E. Morris invent?
11. The Christmas Island in the Pacific Ocean is fairly popular. Where's the other Christmas Island?

12. Which was the last US state to declare an official holiday for Christmas?
13. Which was the first country to issue a Christmas postage stamp?
14. When is Santa Claus's, i.e. St. Nicholas's, birthday?
15. Which animal did the Wise Men use to bring the gifts for Baby Jesus?
16. Why country has a tradition of a witch dropping gifts for children through the chimney at Christmas?
17. Which of the following is not the name of one of Santa's reindeer – Dasher, Donner, Doppler and Dancer?
18. What is Santa Claus called in France?
19. Which country is the largest exporter of Christmas trees?
20. Which American President banned Christmas trees in The White House?
21. How many days do we have

- between Christmas and the Epiphany?
22. We all know about the tradition of hanging stockings for gifts. Which country uses shoes instead of socks for the same purpose?
23. Where did the Nativity take place?
24. Which of these was not a gift given by the Wise Men to the Baby Jesus – gold, silver, myrrh and frankincense?
25. Which company made the concept of Santa Claus popular in America?
26. Which popular Christmas song was penned by James Pierpoint?
27. How many ghosts are there in A Christmas Carol?
28. Which is the only Santa's reindeer that is named after another animal?
29. How many Christmas cards, on an average, are sent in the US each year?
30. Is there a Mrs. Santa Claus?
31. When is Boxing Day?
32. What was the name of the Tom

- Hanks featuring, animated Christmas movie?
33. What did W. C. T. Dobson invent?
34. Which saint's day is The Boxing Day?
35. Who helps Santa Claus in making his gifts?
36. According to the Holy Bible, Jesus Christ was born in a:
37. Which Christmas song holds the credit as the most-selling Christmas single of all time?
38. Which nation traditionally uses straw decorations for Christmas?
39. What are the popular Christmas colors after red and green?
40. Which popular Christmas food was an American discovery?

Answers on Page 15

Make Menomonie Yours

The revitalization of downtown Menomonie

Andrew Vogl
Entertainment Editor

Apart from being a good place to get drinks, buy art supplies and maybe grab an occasional bite to eat, the fact is that many University of Wisconsin-Stout students are uninterested in downtown Menomonie. This has prompted many small businesses to fold and new businesses are more and more hesitant to take their places. This has in turn encouraged a new collaborative initiative between UW-Stout, the City of Menomonie, Dunn County, the Dunn County Economic Development Corporation, the Greater Menomonie Area Chamber of Commerce, Main Street of Menomonie and the Westconsin Credit Union to “revitalize” downtown Menomonie.

“It takes a lot of effort and a lot of manpower to try to revitalize an area,” said Shelley Stewart, the recently appointed executive director of Main Street of Menomonie. “We all have to work on the same page.”

Stewart, 36, grew up in Menomonie and has lived here for most of her life. She previously worked as an associate director at the Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts and as a development

director at the Historical Society.

“The most interesting thing about Menomonie is our history and where our city came from,” said Stewart. “Our community is really proud of our heritage and where we’ve come from. Menomonie has a lot to offer. It is a great place to raise kids, a great place for a family and if we can continue to look for ways to improve it and get over some of the roadblocks that are out there, it would be better for the students, the community members, basically everybody.”

The effort to revitalize Menomonie will be a slow process. In these preliminary stages, officials are still developing strategies and being careful to ensure the success of this project. LHB Inc., a consultant company based out of Minneapolis, has been hired on to assist in gathering data, suggesting approaches and implementing final plans on a budget of \$109,000.

The students at UW-Stout are the first priority in the revitalization plans.

“We are trying to get students involved more in the actual development effort,” said Vice

Chancellor of Administrative and Student Life Services at UW-Stout, Diane Moen. “Students were invited to the visioning session that we held in mid-October and we also had the leadership from the student senate at a personal interview with the consultants. Now we are

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—Diane Moen

really engaging the students in this survey that is meant to see what their interests are in downtown businesses.”

The survey mentioned was sent out via e-mail earlier this month and is reported to have 753 student and 380 faculty responses so far. There will be one final push for participation

before the survey closes on Friday, Dec. 10. The survey was designed by LHB, Inc. and included questions such as, “What do you think is the most interesting thing about Menomonie?” and “How often do you eat lunch downtown?”

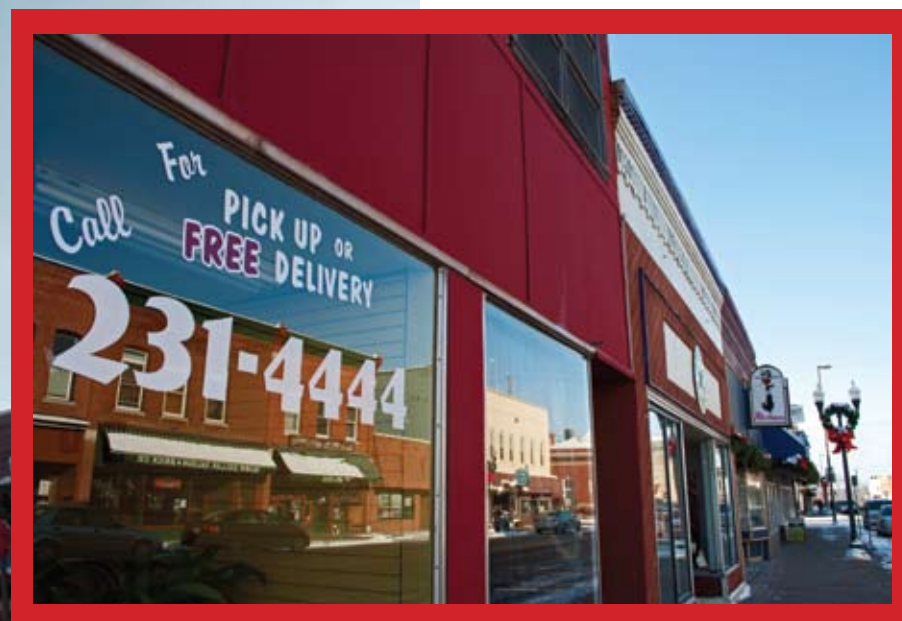
“The consultants will give us a few items,” said Moen. “One is the analysis of the services, the retail, housing and office demand of downtown Menomonie. Another thing is to give us an actionable plan for downtown and provide us an organizational structure that would allow us to successfully carry out that plan. I really don’t know what they’ll say for recommendations.”

Stewart also stressed the need for student input in order to make this plan work.

“What I think interests students probably doesn’t have anything to do with what actually interests them,” said Stewart. “So, I think we need to find out what students want and what interests them. The only way we can do that is by asking.”

Both Stewart and Moen agree that this is a worthwhile investment and the final results will be beneficial to the Menomonie community.

“We’re hoping that we’ll be able to eliminate the reasons why students either leave or don’t come to UW-Stout to start with,” said Moen. “I think if we keep at this - this won’t be a short-term thing - but if we keep at it, we will be successful as a community.”



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REVIEW

The Expendables

Rating: ★★★★★



Roseanne Meier
Staff Writer

"The Expendables" is an action-packed flick full of explosions, gunfire and knife throwing. The film is not anything out of the ordinary. The fight scenes are predictable and the explosions are not any different than you would expect, but that's the point. Without a well-developed story line, "The Expendables" simply grabs attention with its intensity and quirky remarks from the characters.

Sylvester Stallone wrote, directed and starred in "The Expendables." This trio of roles is obviously a gimmick to tailor to him; Stallone knew what his audience wanted and delivered. You won't notice some of the low-budget stunts because of all the ass-kicking that takes place. However, this film will not be a go-to movie when you are looking for something to watch. One dollar is a fair price at the Redbox, but you might be upset if you pay more to see the flick.

"The Expendables" follows a team of mercenaries sent on undercover missions that are too risky for the U.S. government. Stallone throws a damsel in distress, Giselle Itié (Sandra), in the plot and calls it a done deal. Don't look

for any more from the movie than that.

The film is full of big-name actors for the purpose of kicking ass and laying explosives. The testosterone-packed cast consists of Sylvester Stallone (Barney Ross), Jason Statham (Lee Christmas), Randy Couture (Toll Road), Jet Li (Yin Ying), Terry Crews (Hale Caesar), Dolph Lundgren (Gunner Jensen), Mickey Rourke (Tool), Steve Austin (Paine), Bruce Willis and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The character names are a sign that the film is not to be taken seriously. The characters drop witty lines that will make you grin and some that are downright hilarious. Schwarzenegger blesses us with a political joke as he exits a scene, only appearing for a brief time. If only the entire film was that good.

I give the movie 3 out of 5 stars. Any action and adventure movie fan will enjoy this flick because of the overwhelming amount of explosions and gunfire, and the witty remarks are enough to string you along. The movie will spark enough creativity that you and your friends will be chasing each other around the halls having invisible gunfights.

Runtime: 1 hr 43 min

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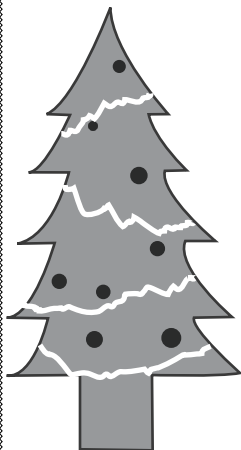
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Thursday, Dec. 9
4:30-8 p.m. Downtown

Holiday Choir Con-
cert Sunday, Dec. 12 @
7 p.m.
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in APPA room 117 FREE

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Saturday, Dec. 18

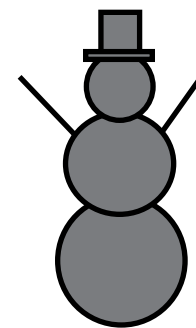
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Questions on Page 13**And here are the answers:**

1. King's Canyon National Park, California
2. Arnold Schwarzenegger
3. Ebenezer
4. Nine
5. The Grinch
6. Charles Dickens
7. Bing Crosby
8. I Saw Momma Kissing Santa Claus
9. Germany
10. Christmas lights
11. Indian Ocean
12. Oklahoma
13. Austria

14. December 5th
15. A camel
16. Italy
17. Doppler
18. Père Noël
19. Canada
20. Theodore Roosevelt
21. Twelve
22. The Netherlands
23. Bethlehem
24. Silver
25. Coca-Cola
26. Jingle Bells
27. Four
28. Vixen
29. Three billion

30. Yes
31. December 26 ñ the day after Christmas
32. The Polar Express
33. The Christmas card
34. St. Stephen
35. Elves
36. Manger
37. White Christmas
38. Sweden
39. Silver and gold
40. Egg nog



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Menomonie Bus Project | Student Transit

Eric Thorson
Editor in Chief

The walk from North Campus to Applied Arts can be a daunting task, especially during the frigid winter months. Parking permits aren't cheap, meter space is limited and some students don't have automobiles on campus, making a cross-campus walk the only option. A plan is in place to implement a bus route that will change the way students travel from point A to point B.

The Stout Student Association and the Menomonie City Council are working together to make this a reality as early as January 2011. The route will have stops on North Campus, near Johnson Fieldhouse, Bowman Hall and the residence halls, as well as by the library and the Memorial Student Center. Off-campus locations, such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) building, Wal-Mart and Red Cedar Hospital, are also planned to be a part of the bus route.

Buses would run in half-hour loops from 7:45 a.m. to around 4 p.m. The schedule hopes to correspond with class start and end times.

The cost would be a one-time fee of \$15 to \$20 per semester. Students would be able to ride as many times as they want after that initial cost just by showing their University of Wisconsin-Stout ID cards. The city of Menomonie has



already secured most of the funding, but for this plan to be implemented, 500 students will need to purchase a bus pass. The tickets will be sold through parking services and possibly the service desk.

The plan for the future of the bus route is that there will be late night buses from Wednesday to Saturday. A bus pass fee will be included in segregated fees, which would result in a \$2 increase in tuition per semester to use the bus service.

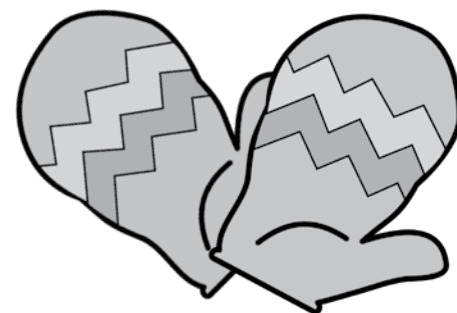
A meeting is set for Friday, Dec. 10 regarding the marketing of the project.

Seventh Annual WinterDaze Parade!

Get out your hand warmers, snow pants and boots and spend a magical evening in downtown Menomonie on Thursday, Dec. 9 as Main Street of Menomonie, Inc. proudly presents the seventh annual WinterDaze parade. It may be cold outside, but Main Street promises a grand celebration. The parade will once again travel down Main Street and Broadway (for the exact route, please visit www.mainstreetmenomonie.org) and showcase award-winning "illuminated" treasures. Participants can expect to see floats such as "The Holiday Express #604," brought to Menomonie by Cedar Corporation. The float is constructed from mostly recycled building materials and is fully equipped with smoke, a train whistle, a coal car – clean coal, of course – and a rotating Christmas tree. The train will be followed by a rail car of Cedar's employees, children and grandchildren.

The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the official flag bearers of the parade being the Tall Oaks District Scouts Unit of the Boy Scouts of America.

When asked about the Scouting experience, Gary Gilger, scout executive from the Chippewa Valley Council said, "We are excited to continue teaching our youth to be leaders in their community, to provide meaningful community service and challenge them with incredible outdoor experience. Considering the impact the Scouting program has had in Dunn County and the United States of America in its first 100 years, it should be simply amazing for



the next 100 years." The Boy Scouts are one of many youth organizations participating in the parade.

Prior to the parade, Santa will be visiting the downtown area and providing free treats to children from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Clock Tower Plaza. Immediately following the parade, fireworks will be set off over Lake Menomin.

Main Street of Menomonie is proud to partner with Stepping Stones and will also be collecting food for the food pantry at several locations within the parade route. Participants are asked to bring non-perishable food items to the parade to help stock the shelves at the food pantry this holiday season. Cash donations will also be accepted.

For additional information on the WinterDaze parade, please contact Main Street of Menomonie, Inc. at 715-235-2666 or by e-mail at mainstreet342@wwt.net.

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Stout grad designs motorcycle

Roseanne Meier
Staff Writer

"Remember: Stout students and grads are destined for great things," said Richard Christoph, a 2005 graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Stout who has seen much success from his work at Harley-Davidson. Christoph graduated from UW-Stout as an art major with a concentration in industrial design.

"[The major] prepares you for problem

"Remember: Stout students and grads are destined for great things."

—Richard Christoph

solving and the compellation of an emotion with a function, blending mechanics with form and purpose," said Christoph.

Christoph's most recent success is the creation of the Harley-Davidson Forty-Eight, which has been on the market since March of this year.

"The Forty-Eight name comes from the first year the tank shape was in production, 1948," said Christoph. "The tank shape was given the nickname 'peanut' after its shape and size."

"For the Sportster or XL platform, which the Forty-Eight is based on, there were a lot of new things, big and small," said Christoph. "The Forty-Eight has a wide 16-inch front tire and wider front end with new triple clamps, fork brace, turn signal mounts, headlight mount and tucked instrument mount/handlebar clamp. The Forty-Eight also has a narrower waist with a shorter and narrower solo seat, yet has more cushion height for better ride."

Christoph explained that there are many restrictions when designing a new bike like the Forty-Eight.

"The most challenging aspects are combining

what you know the customer wants, and is best for the motorcycle itself, while meeting regulatory, engineering and cost requirements," said Christoph. "Blending raw emotion with function is at the core of it all."

The Forty-Eight has a starting MSRP of \$10,499. "Pretty reasonable for a great piece of American Iron," said Christoph.

Before the ingenuity of his designs took off at Harley-Davidson, he first had to land the job. "The bike I rode to my first interview at H-D was a stripped down, back to basics motorcycle," said Christoph. "The same theory applies now to what I'm trying to do with Sportster, and that is getting to the honesty of losing extra crap you don't need visually and mechanically. Work harder to make the motorcycle perform better, be lighter [and be] visually cleaner with its component layout and side profile."

The idea for the Forty-Eight came upon Christoph early one morning when he was having trouble sleeping.

"I came in to work and created a mock-up bike that was essentially the emotion and brushstroke of what became the Forty-Eight," said Christoph. "The mock-up was later refined by Al Flanders, a union fabricator who built with me the final mock-up and made it look showroom-ready."

Christoph grew up on motorcycles.

"My earliest memory of the brand was a Harley-Davidson Wide Glide this old timer owned up town. Very brutal bike, and it looked gorgeous, but as usual, way out of my price range."

Christoph purchased his first bike when he was young.

"I bought my first bike when I was 11. In those days, there was a waiting list even for used Harley-Davidsons, and they were pulling big money," said Christoph. "All I could afford was Japanese small CC 70s and 80s era bikes that pretty much littered most towns in the U.S."

"My goal for my future at Harley-Davidson is to conquer the world, one Sportster at a time," Christoph said.



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Hope for the Holidays

Roseanne Meier
Staff Writer

The sixth annual Hope for the Holidays benefit concert was held at the Waterfront Bar and Grill on Saturday, Dec. 4. The event was organized by students in Dr. Wolfgram's Abuse and the Family class to benefit The Bridge to Hope. Entertainment throughout the night included music from The Finesse and Hyentyte.

The event opened with speaker Amy Nord, the campus violence prevention coordinator at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Nord was the first of four speakers of the night and emphasized that 2010 is "the most violent year on campuses nationwide."

Luisa Gerasimo, a representative from The Bridge to Hope, said the organization is "here to serve victims of domestic violence and sexual assault...We have a 24/7 crisis hotline." Gerasimo explained that the Bridge serves Dunn and Pepin counties and that all services are free and confidential.

Gerasimo stressed the importance of everyone taking part in the fight against domestic violence and sexual assault.

"If you want to change the world, you have to start at home," said Gerasimo. "Get stronger, braver, and take a step forward."

Gerasimo explained that it is important to be aware of your surroundings. "Only 15 percent of assaults happen from strangers. Take a look at the world around you and be an observer."

Nancy Olson, also from The Bridge to Hope, was the third speaker of the night. "[The Bridge to Hope] served 150-200 clients last year," said Olson. "Most cases of domestic violence are never reported to the police."

Judson Manor, a UW-Stout psychology student, spoke about the importance of consent between individuals.

Raffle tickets were purchased to raise money for The Bridge to Hope. Prizes included donated gift baskets worth \$200 or more and a 50/50 raffle.

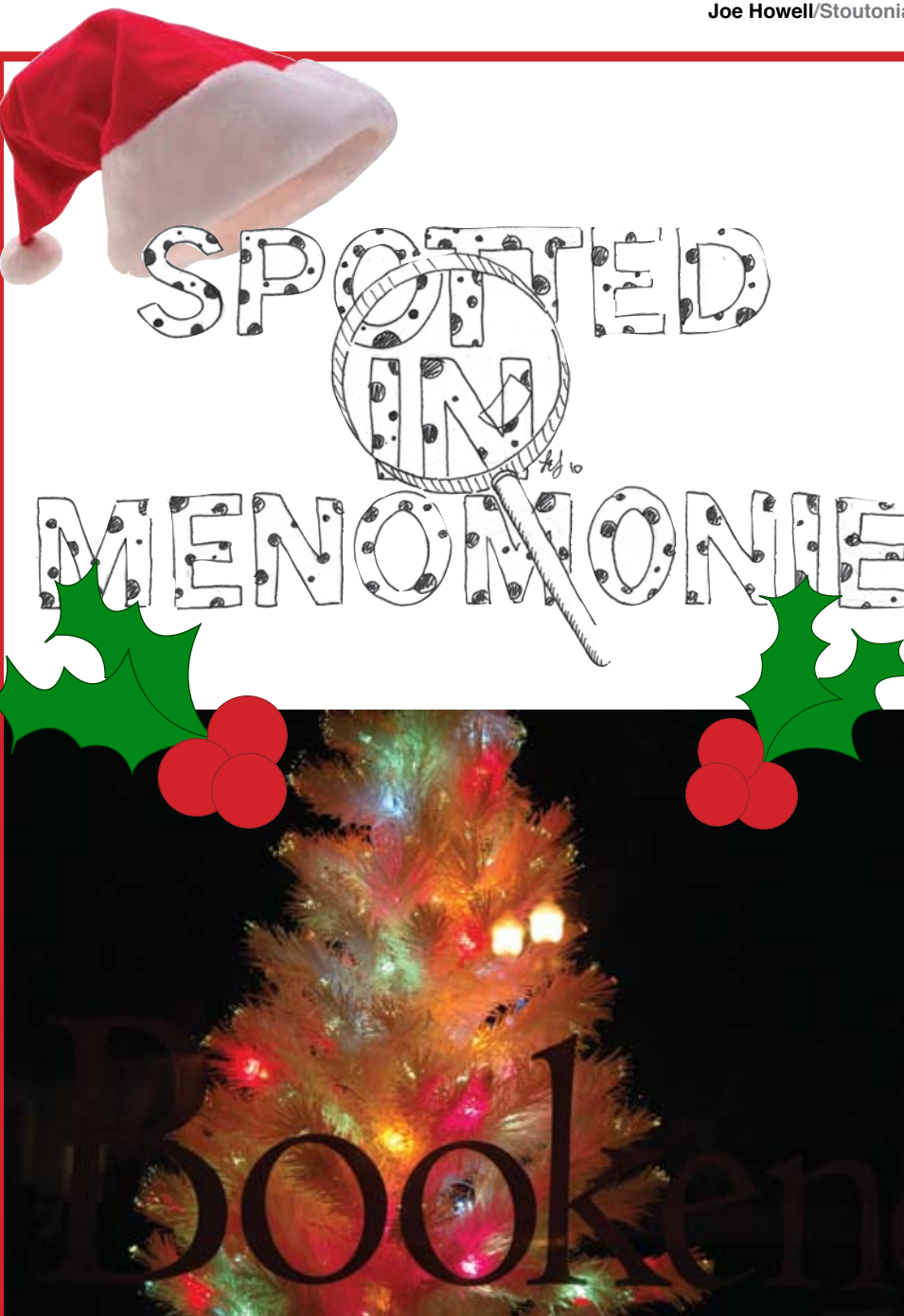
The Tribute Tree was a new addition to the event this year that allowed spectators to pick a Christmas bulb from the tree for a donation. 52 bulbs adorned the tree, representing 52 victims who passed away from domestic violence last year in Wisconsin.

The Bridge to Hope wants the public to know if its services do not fit your needs, it will direct you to a place that will help.

The Bridge to Hope could use your help. Items that can be donated to help victims of abuse and violence include: gas cards, paper towels, toilet paper, dish soap, laundry soap, bleach, fabric softener, tissue and non-perishable holiday foods. The Bridge's address is 1901 South Broadway Menomonie, WI 54751. You can also visit the organization's website at <http://www.thebridgetohope.org/>.



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Christmas Cheer! This decorative fiber-optic tree was spotted in the window of the Bookends Book Store on Main Street.

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Eric Hostetter named WIAC Player of the Week

Morgan Pfaller

Staff Writer

On Nov. 30, the University of Wisconsin-Stout men's basketball player Eric Hostetter, a senior from Stillwater, Minn., was named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) men's basketball player of the week.

In three games during the week beforehand, Hostetter averaged 23.7 points and 6.3 rebounds, earning him this particular honor in the WIAC. Hostetter has also shot 54.3 percent (25-of-46) from the floor, 50 percent (14-of-28) from three-point range and 77.8 percent (7-of-9) from the line.

"Being in the D3 conference is definitely an honor," said Hostetter. "When seeing other great players in the league, I know I can't have an off night. [Being named player of the week] helps to keep me on track for the rest of the season." Hostetter said.

Hostetter is quick to mention his teammates as well, acknowledging that only with their help was he able to achieve the WIAC title, "I always look forward to team accomplishments on the court."

As a team, Hostetter acknowledges that the players need to work together on defense, stressing that the team is great at shooting and ball handling. He knows that he can personally work on physical strength as he finds many of his opponents to be stronger than he is out on the court. However, his drive and willpower make him a strong player. Hostetter still holds personal goals to aim for as well, such as winning the National Championship.

"That goal is aimed a little high," said Hostetter. "Honestly, I would like to get to the NCAA Tournament and compete at that level."

Hostetter draws his motivation from other players around the league. "Trying to compete with the players in our league is not an easy thing to do, and it helps me push myself to become a better player."

Hostetter also attributes his brother for his recent accomplishments on the court. "My brother, Jason, puts quite a bit of pressure [on me] to be the best player possible and isn't quick to sugar coat his opinion of my performance."

Hostetter prepares for a game by keeping up with his day-to-day routine and focusing on the competition one game at a time.

"In this league, it's essential to win at home," said Hostetter. "If we can get a win on the road, the team is in good shape, as long as we always take care of our home floor."

Hostetter continues to stress the importance of a home victory. "Home games are important because it's our fans and parents at the game, but I always try to focus on the game I'm about to play rather than worrying about the future."

With the title of "player of the week" under his belt, Hostetter remains focused on the season. "On Wednesday we played the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, a fundamentally



Jerrod Buchholtz attempts a layup.

sound team. It was a tough 40 minutes and a little bit of a letdown."

Hostetter kept an open mind about Saturday's game. "Whitewater is going to be a different game without a few key players [from last year's team]. We have to be ready to play and get an early lead to sustain our energy for the whole game," Hostetter said.

On Saturday, Dec. 4, UW-Stout faced the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Warhawks in a 85-80 victory at Johnson Fieldhouse.

The Blue Devils (4-3, 1-1 WIAC) led by as much as nine points in the first half and managed to carry a six-point lead into halftime. The Warhawks (3-2, 1-1 WIAC) took the lead midway through the second half until Eric Hostetter hit a 3-pointer to give UW-Stout the lead. The

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Blue Devils remained ahead, but allowed the Warhawks to score a few more single points throughout the second half.

Hostetter led all players with 25 points and scored his 1,000th career point in the process, needing only 13 more to come into the game. Hostetter got the marker at the buzzer right before halftime. Mahlon Thomas, a senior from Brooklyn Park, Minn., tossed in 17 points. Jerrod Buchholtz, a senior from Durand, Wis., finished with 15 points and Alex Oman, a freshman from Lake Elmo, Minn., scored 11 points.

Buchholtz scored six points in the final 2 minutes of the game and then took a charge with 10 seconds left in the game, the Blue Devils leading 83-80. Erik Olson, a sophomore from Buffalo, Minn., sealed the game by draining two

free throws. UW-Stout shot 58.8 percent (20-34) from the floor in the first half and finished the game shooting 55 percent.

On Dec. 1, UW-Stout played host to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Pointers at Johnson Fieldhouse. The WIAC season opener resulted in a loss for the Blue Devils on Wednesday night.

The Blue Devils (3-3, WIAC) started the game in their favor, taking the lead within the first five minutes and shooting from beyond the arc. Erik Olson and Hostetter both hit 3-pointers on an 8-0 run. A few minutes later, teammate Steve Pax, a freshman from Elmwood, Wisc., hit a 3-pointer, quickly followed by five points from Hostetter to steal the lead early on.

UW-Stout quickly built a significant lead at the halfway point of the first half of the game, 27-17. However, just before halftime, UW-Stevens Point's (4-0, 1-0 WIAC) Jordan Giordana and Scott Hoelzel each converted a three-point play. From there, the Pointers were able to gain back some momentum going into the break.

Both teams shot 14-for-32 in the first half; however, the Blue Devils still maintained a slight edge in 3-pointers and free throws over Stevens Point.

The Pointers went on a 10-0 run early on in the second half, snagging a five-point lead. They quickly stretched their lead to 11 points with 7:32 remaining in the half. The Blue Devils were unable to cut their deficit to less than eight for the remainder of the game.

Hostetter led his teammates with 17 points. Thomas led the field with eight rebounds. UW-Stout shot 43 percent in the first half, but this percentage dropped to 18 percent in the second half. Field goal completions also dropped from 44 to 33 percent for the Blue Devils. On Wednesday, Dec. 8 the Blue Devils will travel to La Crosse, Wisc., to face the Eagles.



Jerrod Buchholtz tries to stop an opposing player.



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Hirssig earns honor, team filling her void

Andy Liddell
Staff Writer

Mark Thomas has been coaching here at University of Wisconsin-Stout for almost 25 years, and the success that he has had with the women's basketball team certainly shows. Perched in a corner of his office is an award that was given to one of his former players, Julia Hirssig. Hirssig received the 2010 Jostens Trophy last March for her outstanding work on the team.

Hirssig is the only UW-Stout player thus far to earn this honor, and Thomas was her coach when she was playing for Stout.

"She might be going overseas to play professional basketball in Norway," said Thomas, noting that he had spoken with Hirssig not long ago.

However, the women's basketball team has been faltering this year with a record of 3-5.

In the last three games that the Blue Devils have played, they have lost by at least 15 points, but Thomas is looking to remedy that through good, old-fashioned hard work and team building.

"I'm kind of old school, so I like to instill old-school principles in our team; communication is key," Thomas said. In a time when people are too busy being buried in their cell phones texting one another, Thomas says he "appreciates eye contact

and solid interaction between his players."

Building up a new team is never easy, but Thomas says he has a few players who have really stepped up to the plate and taken leadership roles.

"I've seen a lot of improvement in Tricia Van-Vreede, our senior starter," said Coach Thomas. "She's practicing hard, working hard and becoming more accountable, not only as a player, but as a person in general."

According to Thomas, the team has lost approximately 75 percent of its scoring from the previous season because of graduations as well as students not returning to play the next year.

"We lost four key players last year to graduation," said Thomas. Without the major point-scoring women on the team, and with only a few returning players, Thomas has had to harden up his team by making them go through the gauntlet and trying to forge a strong team.

Although there are only a handful of players who are returning to the team, Thomas said that there is definitely hope for the rest of the season, as well as the upcoming season.

"Sami Schoeder is already playing like a junior, and it's only her freshman year," said Thomas.

The team goes through rigorous practices, running drills for no more than 15 minutes at a



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A lady Blue Devil glances over the opponents shoulder looking to make a pass

time. The strategy the coach is trying to instill in his players is a sense of hustle, as well as the idea of pushing the ball moving so they can score.

"Some things we focus on are ball skill work and lots of shooting-skill work. These two skills are

the main staples of our team," said Thomas.

The next meet for the women's basketball team is Dec. 8 in Menomonie at 7 p.m. against University of Wisconsin- La Crosse.



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Stout Hockey: Weekend taken by Eau Claire

Jodi Larson

Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout hockey team began this year successfully, shutting out six teams within the past month. The Blue Devils, however, found their winning streak cut during their games against the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Blugolds on Dec. 3-4.

On Friday night, the Dunn County Ice Arena was packed with fans, all cheering for UW-Stout to win against UW-Eau Claire. Students dressed in their finest UW-Stout gear wearing hockey jerseys and sporting blue and white war paint across each cheek. Fans cheered familiar chants, including the ever-popular, "What's a Bluegold?" UW-Stout fans made their school spirit known throughout the game.

Freshman forward Casey Kirley said, "Having more fans at our games helps us play better. They give us extra energy, and we feel good knowing there are fans in the stands supporting us."

During the Dec. 3 game, UW-Stout scored zero goals for both the first and second periods, while UW-Eau Claire led by three in the end of the second period. UW-Stout played aggressively with great puck handling and communication between players. The puck was predominantly played in UW-Eau Claire's territory, but the UW-Eau Claire defense held UW-Stout back from gaining any goals for much of the game.

It was not until the third period that UW-Stout gained some ground on UW-Eau Claire scoring their first goal 24 seconds into the final period. In a move to make a comeback, they ended up scoring an additional two goals within the final period. Unfortunately, UW-Eau Claire got one last goal with minutes left on the clock, concluding with a score of UW-Eau Claire-4, UW-Stout-3.

Head Coach Terry Watkins said, "We were not very consistent on Friday. We played a decent first period, terrible second and exceptional

third. The team has played well the last three weekends coming off of a six-game lead, but UW-Eau Claire is a very good team and this time we came out short."

The same could be said for the Dec. 4 held at UW-Eau Claire. Almost the same game was played. During the game, the Blugolds were up by just one goal after the first period but scored four in the second. The Blugolds did not find the net in the third period, while UW-Stout scored both of its goals in the final period placing the final score UW-Eau Claire-5, UW-Stout-2.

The UW-Stout athletic website noted, "For the second consecutive night, UW-Stout scored all of their goals in the third period and for the second consecutive night the blue devils rally fell short as UW-Eau Claire recorded a 5-2 win at Hobbs Ice Arena Saturday."

Watkins also said, "This game was pretty much the same as the first game. Realistically the two games were almost identical. We have a young team, with youth comes inconsistency. Our league is very good and sometimes there's false confidence. We thought we were better than we were and ended up taking a couple periods off." When that happens it is hard to gain extra ground back. Although Stout scored aggressively during the third period, it was not enough to overtake the Bluegold lead.

Undoubtedly, the team's inconsistent perfor-

mance contributed to their loss. The UW-Stout hockey team is young this year and is still developing their skills and working together as a unit. The team has had to start fresh this year, since many of their players from the past two years graduated.

The hockey team is still working on spreading out their scorers. This year, those seniors are gone and the team has had to rely on their newcomers to fill in the gap. "We were getting scoring from basically three guys last year, that left us one dimensional and we had to address that weak-



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An opposing player shoots toward the goal.

ness," said Watkins. "We needed to spread out our scoring and be more physical up front. We will certainly miss those guys, but the kids we brought in should help ease the pain."

The underclassmen of this year's hockey season seem to be adjusting well. "We are a young team," said Kirley. "We're learning quickly what we have to do to be successful and move up. The learning curve is high and the team is adapting well. We have good team chemistry and that's why we work so well as a unit. All we can do is continue to do as well as we can and hopefully make it to the national tournament."

If UW-Stout can continue to play the way they did in the third periods against UW-Eau Claire, they can become a really great force in their league. They just need to work hard and continue to push towards their goals to make it to the national championship. "Our goals for this season is to continue to get better every game and stay on the path that we are on. We need to continue to spread out our scoring and stay aggressive without getting penalties. We're getting better in the defensive zone and I'm happy with where we're heading. We've surprised a lot of people to win six in a row and that's when it gets fun." Coach Watkins said

There are still six upcoming home games leading into January. The next home game will be Friday, Dec. 10 against the University of Wisconsin-River Falls at the Dunn County Ice Arena.



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Mike Morgan recorded 26 saves during his first start as goalie.

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upcoming sporting events

- **December 10:**
Hockey plays at home against UW-River Falls at 7:30 p.m.
- **December 11:**
Women's Basketball plays UW-Eau Claire at 5 p.m.
Men's Basketball plays UW-Eau Claire at 3 p.m.
Hockey plays at home against UW-River Falls at 7:30 p.m.
- **December 18:**
Women's Basketball plays against Northland College at 2 p.m.
Men's Basketball plays against Viterbo University at 7 p.m.
- **December 28:**
Women's Basketball plays at the Wartburg College Invitational
- **December 29:**
Women's Basketball plays at the Wartburg College Invitational
Men's Basketball against Augustana College in Illinois at 5 p.m.
- **December 30:**
Men's Basketball plays against St. Norbert and Lakeland College at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- **January 5:**
Women's Basketball plays at River Falls at 8 p.m.
Men's Basketball plays at River Falls at 8 p.m.
- **January 7:**
Men's Hockey plays at home against Augsburg College at 7:30 p.m.

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Men's Basketball

On Dec. 4, the University of Wisconsin-Stout played against the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. UW-Whitewater is ranked 21st, but that did not stop UW-Stout from defeating them 85-80. UW-Stout led by as much as nine points in the first half, and carried a six-point lead into halftime. Steve Pax made a free throw with 10 seconds left, but the point was waved off due to a lane violation. Mahlon Thomas tossed in 17 points, Jerrod Buchholtz finished with 15 points and Alex Oman scored 11 points.

Next game: UW-Stout will play at the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.



Blue Devil Hockey

On Dec. 4, the University of Wisconsin-Stout played against the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire at the Hobbs Ice Arena. The Blue Devils built a lead early in the game, with the Blue Devils seeing 34 penalties - 20 of which were coincidental. UW-Stout starting gaining lead in the final period with Kevin O'Donnell initially scoring and David Larson adding on shortly after. Mike Morgan made his first start as the goalie getting 26 saves, 15 of which were in the second period. UW-Stout lost, 5-2.

Next Game: UW-Stout will host the University of Wisconsin-River Falls on Friday Dec. 10, and Saturday, Dec. 11 at the Dunn County Ice Arena. Both games start at 7:30 p.m.



Women's Basketball

On Dec. 4, the University of Wisconsin-Stout played against the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at the Johnson Fieldhouse. UW-Stout fell short 83-64, with Sami Schoeder scoring a collegiate high of 20 points. Schoeder shot 6-of-12 from the field, including, two 3-pointers. Whitewater had taken an early lead in the game, with UW-Stout battling back at the end of half, but the team was not able to gain back the lead. Whitney Rawdon led all players with eight rebounds.

Next game: UW-Stout will play against the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in Eau Claire, Wisc. on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 5 p.m.

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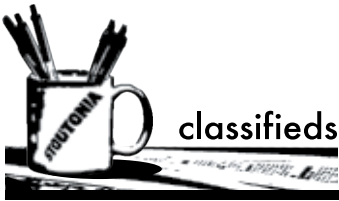
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1	1	702 4th Street E	\$300	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, downtown	6
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1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	\$395	Efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8
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1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	\$425	Studio, includes WSG, heat & parking, great location	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #5	\$425	Studio, includes WSG, heat & parking, close to campus	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	\$435	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #1	\$455	Great location w/ parking, includes WSG & heat	A
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2	1	921 Main Street #4	\$360	Huge rooms, lots of parking, porch, good location	4
2	1	115 West Main Street	\$370	New carpet throughout, close to campus and downtown	3
2	1	1203 14th Avenue East	\$395	Large lower duplex, good-sized rooms, off-street parking	D
2	1	519 13th Avenue E	\$480	Incl. heat, WSG, hot water, excellent location w/ parking	4
2	1	520 15th Avenue E	\$480	Upper duplex, very nice, large rooms & closets, parking	D
2	1	520 1/2 9th Avenue E	\$525	Large, nice rooms, very close to campus, great apartment	3
2	1	802 6th Avenue #6	\$550	Nice apartment, large rooms, utilities & parking included	6
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #1	\$560	Cute apt, private entrance, parking, heat, WSG & HW incl.	6
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3	1	2215 1/2 5th Street E	\$425	Lower duplex, good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	220 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$520	Upper duplex, incl. W/d, off-street parking, great location	D
3	1	220 12th Avenue West	\$520	Large lower duplex, washer/dryer, parking, great location	D
3	1	802 6th Avenue #4	\$560	Nice apt, private entrance, includes utilities & parking	A
4	1	1120 15th Avenue E	\$650	Good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, off-street parking	D
4	2	1319 8th Street E	\$820	Nice, good-sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #1	\$820	Nice & spacious, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, nice location	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #4	\$820	Nice & spacious, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, nice location	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #5	\$820	Nice & spacious, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, nice location	8
4	1	1215 10th Street E	\$840	3-season porch, built-ins, W/d, storage, garage, large yard	H
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #7	\$1,000	Nice & spacious, W/d, includes all utilities, A/C, parking	8
5	1	1121 6th Avenue E	\$700	Large house, new flooring, front porch, off-street parking	H
5	2	504 10th Street E	\$900	Huge house, big rooms, W/d, basement storage, parking	H
5	2	2006 5th Street #A	\$950	Large house, good-sized rooms, W/d, off-street parking	3
5	2	1521 8th Street	\$1,000	Nice-sized rooms, new paint, W/d, big yard, good location	H
5	2.5	1502 7th Street E	\$1,100	Recently remodeled, washer/dryer, porch, large yard	H
5	2	321 20th Avenue #D	\$1,200	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, den, W/d, parking, etc.	4
5	2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,225	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus!	H
5	2	1708 6th Street #B	\$1,350	Fabulous apt, W/d, large rooms, parking, has everything!	D
6	2	504 10th Street E	\$900	Huge house, big rooms, W/d, basement storage, parking	H
6	2	1603 7th Street E	\$900	Nice house, washer/dryer, recent updates, off-street parking	H
6	2	115 17th Avenue West	\$1,200	Nice house, great location, W/d, front porch & garage	D
6	2	321 20th Avenue #A	\$1,200	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/d, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #B	\$1,200	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/d, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #C	\$1,200	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/d, parking, storage	4
6	2	220 12th Avenue West	\$1,240	2 full kitchens, 2 washer/dryer sets, parking, great location	H
7	2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,225	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus	H
7	3	1102 10th Street E	\$1,600	Nice, big house, good-sized rooms, W/d, 2-car garage	H
8	3	1421 South Broadway	\$1,840	Great house! Big rooms, W/d, across from stadium, garage	H

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Cover by Michael Grevas

Welcome back everybody and hello to all you transfers. The uniquely red bricks at McCalmont Hall have seen better days, especially in this rather harsh winter we're experiencing. The chain links over the staff's faces are symbolic of the amount of fencing you'll see around campus during this semester, not that we all served time over break.



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Move It Stout encourages healthy lifestyles

Jerad Maplethorpe
News Editor

On Sunday, Jan. 30, the annual exercise program "Move It Stout" will officially begin. The program's objective is to "encourage healthy and active lifestyles." To do so, university students, faculty and staff members form teams that exercise together every week and keep track of their progress. Teams must register by Thursday, Feb. 3 at the Health and Fitness Center Desk.

The program will track individual participants' progress on a weekly basis. The goal is to increase an individual's time spent exercising from 90 minutes the first

week to 160 minutes by the final week. The most common form of exercise among team members is a brisk walk, though any form of exercise is acceptable.

"Any activity or movement that can increase your heart rate to a sufficient level for a sufficient time is good," said University Fitness Coordinator Anoop Balachandran. "All you need is a pair of sneakers and a desire to change."

Registration is \$5 and includes a T-shirt. For \$10, participants can also get a pedometer. The exercise program will run from Jan. 30 through March 19, a seven-week period. For more information, visit <http://www3.uwstout.edu/uhec/move-it-stout.cfm> or e-mail Balachandran at balachandran@uwstout.edu.



Candlelight Ski/Hike/Snowshoe

Eric Thorson
Editor-in-chief

Every year on the final Friday of January, a candlelight cross-country ski event is held on the Red Cedar State Trail that culminates at an ice wall 1.5 miles down the trail. The event is hosted by the Department of Natural Resources, along with Swiss Miss/ConAgra Foods and the Friends of the Red Cedar State Trail/Hoffman Hills. Trail fees are waived for the evening for all participants. Skis can be rented at Outdoor Adventures, snowshoes are available to try for free and hiking the Stokke Trail is welcomed and free of charge.

The RCST is the only trail in Wisconsin that is groomed for cross-country skiing in the winter. It is a fairly flat 15-mile trail running from Menomonie to Downsville. Hoffman Hills is another nature resource located in the area, which is most famous for its 60-foot-high observation tower that provides an overhead view of Dunn County. A \$20 annual fee for people over the age of 16 grants access to biking and cross-country skiing. Hiking is free.

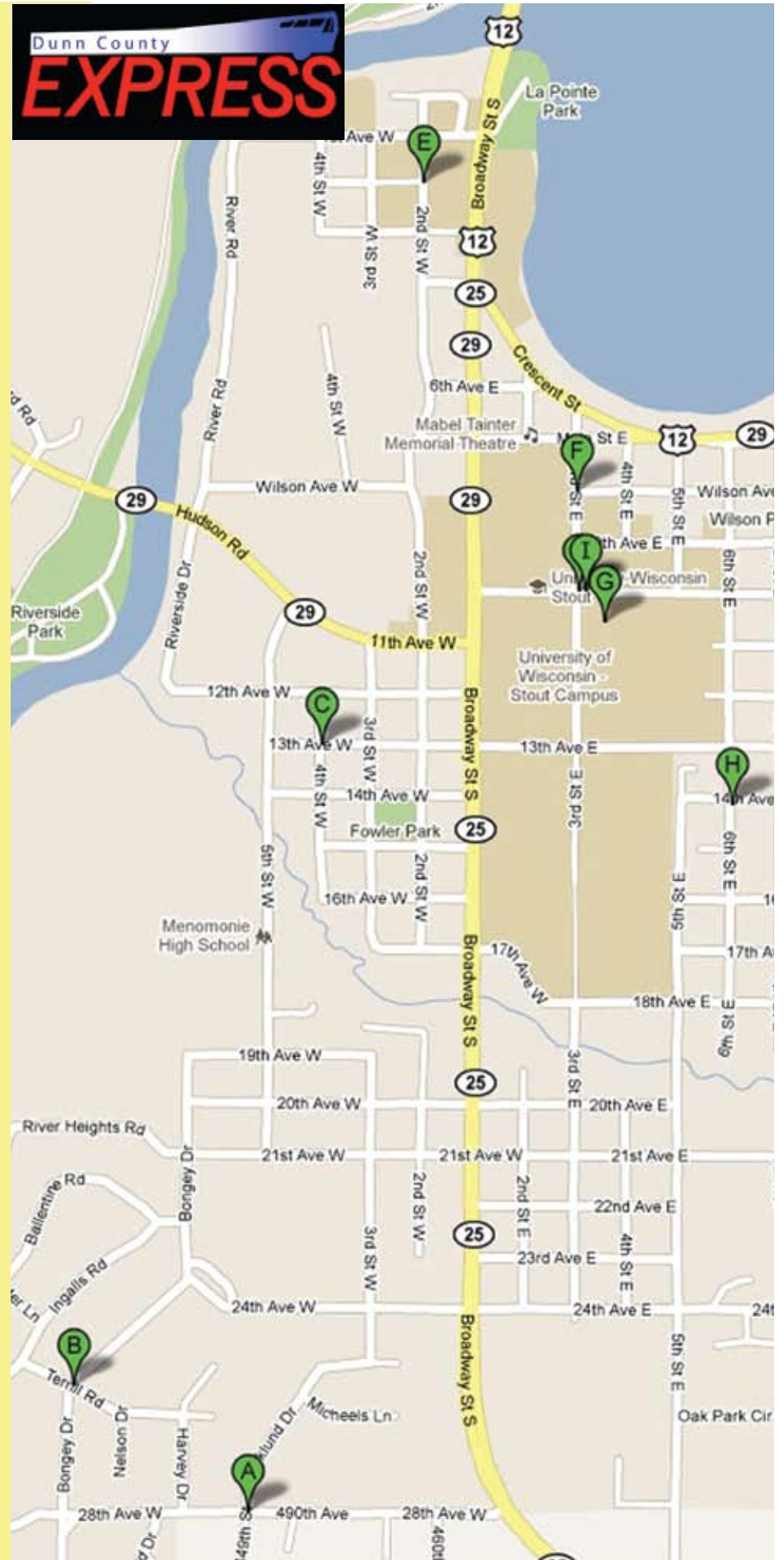
There has been one issue with the two local

trails that arises on a yearly basis. The quality of the trails is being jeopardized by hikers who ignore signage deterring them from walking on the groomed ski trails.

"I have skied on the RCST and Hoffman Hills trails for over 20 years and have heard every possible reason as to why folks walk on the ski trails and damage the grooming," said Board Member for the Friends of the Red Cedar State Trail/Hoffman Hills, Barbara Gorman.

"Skiers pay a fee to ski on the trails & walkers damage the trails for free," said Gorman. It creates an extremely unsafe condition for the skiers when footprints are either on the tracks set for classical striding or the middle section of the trail that is groomed for skate striding." Separate walking trails are available and marked.

Both the RCST and Hoffman Hills are used year-round and are open to all, so it is important to keep the designated ski trails in good shape. The Friends of the Red Cedar State Trail/Hoffman Hills invite all members of the community to take part in the candlelight ski event happening on Jan. 28. For more information, contact the DNR trail manager at 715-232-1242.



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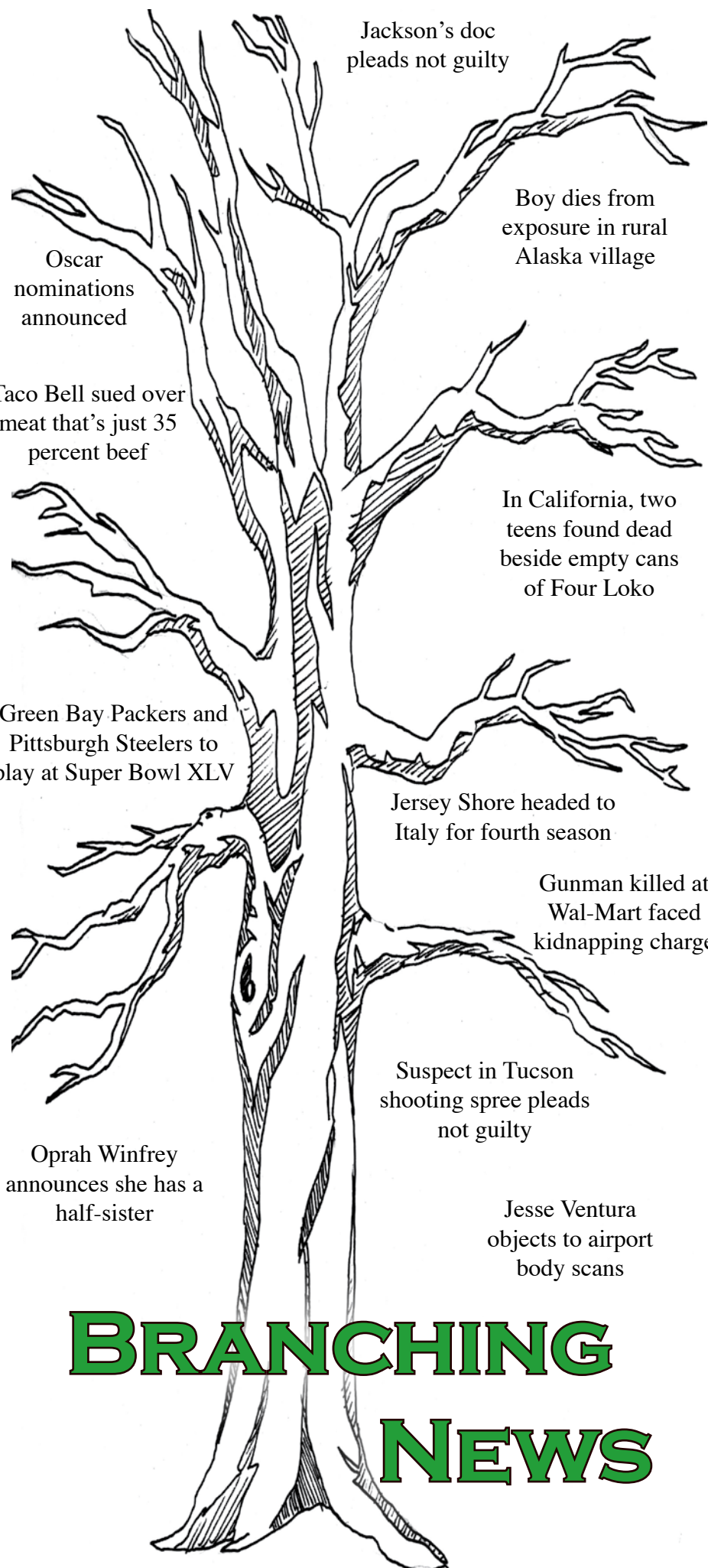
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BRANCHING NEWS

Enhancing UW-Stout's computer and electrical engineering programs

Jerad Maplethorpe
News Editor

Last semester, the University of Wisconsin-Stout Student Branch of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) was founded as an official campus organization. The IEEE is the "world's largest professional organization for the advancement of technological innovation and excellence for the benefit of humanity," as noted on its website.

"The idea [for the organization] was loosely mentioned at a computer engineering introductory meeting at the beginning of the 2010 spring semester by Robert Nelson, our program advisor," said Maxwell Steuer, the president of UW-Stout's IEEE organization. "Realizing the significant advantages of belonging to a professional organization, I then began to recruit students to petition the IEEE to approve a student branch at Stout."

Although the organization was official last semester, the majority of that time was spent recruiting new members, planning events and making connections with local companies in the field of engineering. Now that most of the

setup work is finished, the organization is focused on getting everything up-and-running smoothly this semester.

"We are currently in the process of nailing down contracts with guest speakers and company tours with regional companies in the field of electrical and computer engineering," said Steuer. "Additionally, we will be hosting a 'Build Your Own Digital Multimeter' workshop that will provide members with the opportunity to learn how a digital multimeter works and provide a valuable learning opportunity in component-level soldering techniques."

The organization currently plans to host guest speakers from the Plexus Corporation, Medtronic and 3M, along with company tours with Cray, Inc. and Silicon Graphics. The dates and times of these events are yet to be determined.

The group has roughly 20 members but expects that number to rapidly increase this semester. For more information about the UW-Stout Student IEEE Branch, visit <http://uwstout.orgsync.com/org/stoutieee/home>, or contact them directly at ieee@uwstout.edu.

Recyclemania Kick-Off Trash Blitz

Jerad Maplethorpe
News Editor

On Feb. 2, the University of Wisconsin-Stout is hosting the Recyclemania Kick-Off Trash Blitz on the Price Commons lawn area. The event will serve as a physical representation of the amount of recyclables thrown into the garbage on our campus. Student participation during this event is welcomed and highly encouraged.

"There are many misnomers about what is and is not recyclable," said Recyclemania's Student Coordinator Travis Jones. "A change in recycling policy occurred over the summer. As a result, students are able to co-mingle their recycling. Now students can place glass, plastic, aluminum and tin all in the same bin. Paper should be put in the bin labeled 'paper.' It's important to keep in mind that recycling bins are not for trash. Only items with the iconic recycling symbol, found on the bottom of the container, should be placed into the recycling bins."

The Kick-Off Trash Blitz is the opening

event to the national recycling competition known as Recyclemania, which runs from Feb. 6 to April 2. Over a 10-week period, schools report recycling and trash data, which are then ranked according to who collects the largest amount of recyclables per capita, the largest amount of total recyclables, the least amount of trash per capita and the highest recycling rate.

Goals for Recyclemania:

- Have a fair and friendly recycling competition
- Increase recycling participation by students and staff
- Heighten awareness of schools' waste management and recycling programs
- Expand economic opportunities while addressing environmental issues in a positive way
- Lower waste generated on campus by reducing, reusing and recycling
- Have the competition act as a catalyst for colleges and universities to build and expand waste reduction programs on campus.

For additional information, visit www.recyclemaniacs.org.

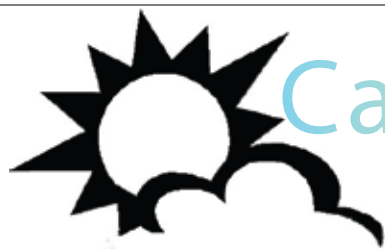
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Eric Thorson
Editor-in-chief

On Jan. 18, all University of Wisconsin-Stout students received an e-mail asking for participation in a Campus Climate survey. This was not the usual course evaluation that floods inboxes at the end of every semester; this survey has been years in the making.

The goal of the survey is to better understand the climate throughout UW-Stout for all individuals, regardless of race/ethnicity, gender, disability status, age, sexual orientation or membership to any diverse group and to make appropriate changes to create a welcoming environment for people from diverse backgrounds.

"A couple of years ago, the University of Wisconsin System began preparation for an assessment of diversity on UW-Campuses that addressed the need to figure out the climate of diversity (on UW-Campuses)," said Research Technician for the Applied Research Center, Joshua Hachmeister.

This survey is a multi-year process throughout the entire UW-System. UW-Stout is a part of the third year of participation

Campus Climate Survey



along with the campuses in Green Bay, Madison, Platteville and Superior.

The survey is being administered by a national consultant, Dr. Sue Rankin, who has previous experience conducting climate surveys. The responses will be submitted to her, and UW-Stout will receive a summary report of those responses.

"This is probably one of the biggest research projects the campus is doing,"

said Hachmeister.

The survey will assist each institution in developing plans to make the campus more inclusive for all students, so it is important that participation is high. The link to the survey was sent via e-mail, but it can also be found at: <http://www.uwstout.edu/diversity/campus-climate-assessment.cfm>

The survey will be available until Tuesday, Feb. 15.



Calender of Events

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1/24-28 Climbing Wall FREE WEEK
2/12 Cross Country Ski Clinic

INTRAMURAL SPORTS - 41 Sports & Fitness Center (232-1392)

1/23 Ice Hockey Begins
1/26-2/1 Block 3 Registration
2/2 Informational Meetings

Urec Fitness – HFC – 232-1378 or North Point 232-5370

1/24-28 Fitness Center FREE WEEK
1/31 – 3/20 Move It Stout – Campus wide fitness challenge

Sport Clubs – 41 Sports & Fitness Center – 232-5356

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1/29 Women's Hockey home at 10 a.m.
2/3-2/6 Ski and Snowboard Rail Jam at Dunn County Snowpark

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President Obama laid forth an ambitious agenda in his State of the Union address on Jan. 25, urging Democrats and Republicans to come together in the coming months to pass measures of reform that will move America forward by strengthening our nation's ability to compete in the global marketplace. The President's speech was infused with optimism and geared toward rebuilding our economy by encouraging American innovation, improving our education system, honing government efficiency and investing in our nation's infrastructure.

In his address, the President recalled America's rich, innovative history and declared that "maintaining our leadership in research and technology is crucial" to our nation's success. He spoke about subsidizing the energy of tomorrow by asking Congress to eliminate the

billions in taxpayer dollars that currently go to oil companies in order to fund more clean energy research and development. President Obama challenged us to become the first nation to have 1 million electric cars on our roads by 2015.

In order to regain our spot as a leader in innovation, the President said that Americans have to "win the race to educate our kids," as well. America has fallen to ninth in the world in the percentage of citizens with a college degree, and over the next 10 years, over half the jobs available will require post-secondary training. President Obama acknowledged that rectifying this will require a partnership between parents and schools. He highlighted the Race to the Top program, which has led over 40 states to raise their standards for teaching and learning. He vowed to use the Race to the Top model in 2011 replacing the No Child Left Behind legislation from previous years. He called on our nation's youth to become teachers, vowing to put 100,000 new science, technology, engineer-

ing and math teachers in the field over the next 10 years.

President Obama reminded Americans that "to compete, higher education must be within reach of every American." In order to ensure that happens, Obama has asked Congress to make the college tax credit, worth \$10,000 over four years of college permanent. The President also urged the inclusion of children of undocumented workers in plans for a better-educated nation by addressing the flawed immigration laws that currently threaten to expel these law-abiding youth from their American homeland.

In addition to innovation and education, the President laid out plans for rebuilding American infrastructure, providing faster, more reliable ways to move people, goods and information. South Korea currently has four times the Internet access that the U.S. has, even though the Internet was invented right here on our own shores. If we're going to be competitive in tomorrow's world, the President reminds us, this gap is unacceptable. Obama aims to give 80 percent of Americans high-speed rail access in 25 years and 98 percent of Americans Internet access in the next five years.

The President touted recent trade agreements with Korea and intended trade talks with Panama, Columbia and other Asia Pacific nations, and the jobs they have already created and will continue to create. He has ordered a "review of government regulations" to ensure that unnecessary burdens are not being placed on small businesses, but the President made it clear that rolling back health care reform is not acceptable.

"Let's fix what needs fixing, and move forward," Obama said. "What I'm not willing to do is go back to the days when insurance companies could cancel coverage because of a pre-existing condition." He went on to note the lower cost of prescription drugs available under the new law and highlight the fact that uninsured students can now stay on their parents' coverage until they are 26 years old.

In order to address the deficit, the President

proposed a freeze on all non-essential domestic spending for the next five years, coupled with a restructuring of the federal government to make it more efficient and effective.

One major highlight of the evening was when President Obama paid tribute to the "nearly 100,000 of our brave men and women [who] have left [Iraq] with their heads held high," and promised that in July 2011, American troops will begin to come home from Afghanistan, as well.

The President acknowledged the enormity of the task that lies ahead of us, and he reminded us of the trade-off we get for rising to meet those challenges: freedom. He said, "As contentious and frustrating and messy as our democracy can sometimes be, I know there isn't a person here who would trade places with any other nation on Earth."

So what didn't we hear? We didn't hear accusations and finger-pointing and blame. We didn't hear disrespect or a lack of compassion. This isn't a time for politics - it's a time for governing, and I was glad to hear my sentiment echoed by the President.

"The future is ours to win. But to get there, we can't just stand still." The President is calling on each of us to do our part to ensure that we keep moving America forward. The pride of our nation is not that which divides us, but that which unites us - that hopeful, enduring promise of a better

future. It's not enough for Congress just to sit together, as they did for the first time in the history of the State of the Union this year. They have to work together, as well. What better incentive for them to make

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- President Barack Obama

that happen than to see their constituents—you and me—working together, too.

Above all the highlights and plans and promises, I'll tell you what I did hear, loud and clear: I heard the Barack Obama I voted for in 2008 and I was proud.

Let's get behind Congress and the President and win the future, together.

Ophiuchus: The Newest Figment of our Imagination... Or is it?

Robert Kempainen
Opinions Editor

Have you checked your Zodiac sign lately? Chances are you're not the same person you thought you were. The Zodiac signs are out of date and, apparently, this has a lot of people upset—especially those who already permanently inked themselves with what's now understood as the wrong astrological sign. I say, who cares as long as it agreed with your own common sense at the time. For all you know, the tattoo is actually more real than your alleged Zodiac sign will ever be.

Star enthusiasts may now be suffering from

post-cognitive dissonance, thinking they are working the wrong job, living a personality lie and may even be having regrets as to who they married. Could this astrological mistake be the "X" factor that's contributing to the divorce rate which is at an all-time high? I highly doubt it, but I wouldn't be surprised if it takes another sharp turn with these recent revelations.

So what is all the fuss about? How did this astrological news arise?

According to Parke Kunkle, an astronomer and member of the Minnesota Planetarium Society, there is a 13th constellation by the name of Ophiuchus that needs to be reinstated into the Zodiac model of astrological

stars. The symbol represents Ophiuchus, the serpent holder, which shows a man holding a giant snake, often referred to as the "snake charmer." Kunkle said the change was necessary because of a shift in the earth's axis over the last 3,000 years, making the assertion that putting the constellation Ophiuchus back into Zodiac form is the scientific thing to do.

This is not new news, though. In fact, Kunkle later elaborated his remarks by mentioning that astronomers have known about Ophiuchus since about 130 B.C.

So, rather than remaining ignorant, I reject the notion that changing the perceptions of

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the Zodiac is ridiculous. Sure, 12 constellations are symmetrical, but it's scientifically and mathematically incorrect it seems. In the last 3,000 years, the earth's position in relation to the sun has changed, what's the harm in changing our astrology to represent that? I used to be a Gemini, and now I am a Taurus? So what? The actual signs have no more meaning than that funky looking cloud up in the sky, at least not in the literal sense.

These signs we refer to as constellations are figments of our imagination, conjured up by the ancient Babylonians in their curious quest to find meaning in the advanced astronomical mathematics of their age. Constellations are stars grouped together in shapes that we personify to represent animals and interpret through metaphorical reasoning to....somehow predict the future? Okay, your date of birth may possibly be proven to reflect some parts of your personality but only through the empirical exposure to the surrounding environment, not the constellation your date of birth resided under. That makes no sense.

Just because you're a Leo doesn't mean you have the heart of a lion. The soul is

strengthened through our beneficial relationship with others on this earth, by those who raised us and those we share our ideas with. To think that some personified animal in the sky will give me guidance is absurd.

However, that's not to say the sermon that lives within the daily horoscopes is nonsense. If you were to read each and every horoscope,

chances are there is something in your daily life that will benefit from the moral prioritization that we so often find ourselves perplexed within. I was surprised and even amazed sometimes by how accurate my former Gemini horoscope actually was. Who knows what the other constellations said? Maybe they were right, too.

Horoscopes are designed to provide uplifting, motivational and progressive action in their daily messages. Throughout history, the stars have always provided guidance to mankind, literally through our travels and metaphorically through our moral imaginations. The stars give clarity, direction and guidance to our specific perceptions of the world. Who cares if you don't like your new sign? We all reserve the right to read the stars through our own rational of reason. I think now would be a good time to go get that new tattoo; we've got about 3,000 years until the signs change again.



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Violent Video Games Friend or Foe?

Hassan Javaid

Contributing Writer

Aggression is detestable behavior that is always frowned upon in a peaceful society. Since times of old, people have looked for ways to explain the root cause of it. One of the more common approaches to explaining aggression is to look outward for blame. These days, that blame is too often placed on video games. Many people claim that video games make people more aggressive and prone to violence, especially with the majority of games having some violent element in them. This whole issue has become so serious that games have been used as reasons in court several times and even a bill to ban the sale of video games to minors was brought up in the Supreme Court. In response, studies and experimentation to find out the truth in the matter have been done. People have varying opinions, but I honestly believe that there is no correlation or responsibility on the part of video games causing people to suddenly go around shooting people or go crazy.

One major point to consider is that people are naturally aggressive. They have aggressive tendencies to begin with and singling out one element in their environment (video games) is next to impossible. If people are aggressive, there are generally other internal issues and problems. A commonly overlooked story is the story of a kid who visited a zoo, flipped out and ended up jumping on the shells of a bunch of turtles. Where did he get the idea? A video game called Super Mario. Super Mario! Not an adult shooter where you shoot people in the face, dismember limbs, take on zombies or anything extreme like that, but a video game where you are a colorful cartoony character, an Italian plumber that's trying to save a princess. I don't think I need to even point out the ridiculousness in this. It's like a child watching a cartoon like Looney Tunes and deciding to hit someone with a hammer. Even a young child will know that what's on the screen is not real and can't be done in reality. If a child does do something odd after watching a cartoon show, it's the child that's generally termed mentally ill, and not the cartoon show.

Why then are video games the exception?

Perhaps it's because video games are slightly more of an interactive medium. They fall under fire more easily due to their typically interactive and aggressive nature. People assume that since you are actually doing things in video games yourself, you're more likely to be influenced by them. This assumption couldn't be farther from the truth.

Just take a look at the crime rate in recent years and compare it with the amount of video games being sold as well. You'll find that the crime rate has actually gone down, while video game sales have obviously gone up and become more mainstream. This simple correlation actually hints at an even simpler fact: video games are actually decreasing violence and crime.

Video games are not driving people insane, or even worse, making them want to kill other human beings. Video games are actually doing the exact opposite. They're providing people with an outlet for their aggression. Pissed off at that snarky boss? Blow off some steam and shoot some zombies up in "Left 4 Dead." Stressed and tired with life? Take a break from reality and enjoy an RPG (role playing game) and save the world. Video games are actually good stress relievers, and they help keep our crazy levels down.

What throws people off and tends to make them believe otherwise are the few crazy cases, like the kid who jumped on the turtles, the two kids who shot up an entire high school and the teenager who tried out his "Mortal Kombat" moves on a four-year-old girl. These events are indeed disturbing, but they have a very logical explanation for being the exception to the rule.

To shed a bit of light on this subject, two professors from Harvard wrote a book called "Grand Theft Childhood." In it, these two professors found that children who generally played video games were less aggressive. However, they also found that some children who had aggressive personalities from the get go liked playing violent games more. You can guess where I'm going with this.

It isn't that the video games were making these people violent; it was that the violent people were playing violent games. It makes sense that people that are aggressive and violent in nature will naturally gravitate towards violent and aggressive video games. It's unfortunate that these few cases of people doing crazy things are giving this superb entertainment medium a bad name.

This issue with video games being under the line of fire may seem like a new thing, but honestly we've seen this kind of discrimination before. People blamed music, TV and then comics for the same reasons. Video games are just the new kid on the block. Until we get some new ridiculously realistic form of aggressive entertainment that people can pin the blame on, chances are the video game industry will feel the pressure. Until that day comes, just remember: video games do not breed violence.

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UW-Stout Ski and Snowboard Club | Rail Jam!

Andrew Vogl
Entertainment Editor

The third annual Rail Jam, hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Stout Ski and Snowboard Club, will be held on Saturday, Feb. 5 at the Dunn County SnowPark. Registration is at 11 a.m. and the competition begins at noon. The registration fee is \$15, or \$10 if you bring two non-perishable food items to donate to the Stepping Stones Food Pantry. Spectators are welcome free of charge.

"The Rail Jam is an opportunity for everyone in the club, on campus or surrounding community to come and show off their skills," said Jake Holtz, Treasurer of the UW-Stout Ski and Snowboard Club. "We normally have enough prizes for every rider to win something. It's a really good time."

There will be food, tents from

sponsors, raffles and prizes for both spectators and riders to enjoy.

"Everybody like the X Games, everybody likes to watch people do tricks, everybody likes to see people fall," said Holtz. "And we have all of the above at the Rail Jam."

This is also an opportunity for students to consider joining the UW-Stout Ski and Snowboard club, there is still time this season to join.

"If you ski or snowboard at all, the Ski and Snowboard Club is the deal of a lifetime," said Holtz. "We have a couple different membership levels; all of them are 100 percent worth it. If you were to go on just one of our seven or eight overnight trips on your own, it would cost about the same as a membership to the club, where you would have an opportunity to go on several trips. The membership includes transportation, lift tickets and lodging."

If you are into seeing your fellow students and community

members flying through the air and shredding some pow, head down to the Dunn County SnowPark on Feb. 5 for the Rail Jam. The SnowPark is located at 620 17th Street, Menomonie. Contact the UW-Stout Ski and Snowboard club for questions or if you would like to join at sasclub@uwstout.edu.



the Brickyard," Hendrickson said.

In 2007, the club also designed and built a 12-hole course at the Menomonie Middle School for the school's students and the community.

Disc golf consists of throwing plastic discs on a set of designed holes on natural terrain, similar to golf. Players complete a hole when their disc lands in a metal basket.

The course is free and open to the public.



The hours of operation will be the same as city park hours.

For more information, contact Lubke at 715-232-2100 or go to the Stout Disc Golf Club website, <http://uwstout.orgsync.com/org/stoutdiscgolfclub/home>.

The SKINNY

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p.m.

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FREE

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FREE

City, Student Association, Club Reach Disc Golf Course Agreement

An upgraded disc golf course will be available later this year for students at the University of Wisconsin-Stout and the public.

The nine-hole course, which has existed since 2005, will be redeveloped in the spring and summer by the university and city. The



Menomonie City Council approved a use agreement with the university Monday night.

The course is called the Brickyard, a historical reference to brick-making companies once located there. It is on city land near the Menomonie Dog Park and Dunn County Humane Society on the city's far west side.

The Stout Disc Golf Club, a student organization, previously had a use agreement with the city. The club now wants to make major improvements to the course. As a result, a more formal agreement was needed between the city and university.

The Stout Student Association voted last year

to provide \$30,000 for the improvements. The money will come from segregated fees in the SSA budget, amounting to about \$3 per student, according to Sawyer Lubke, SSA president.

The club plans to build stairs, add benches, improve signs and do landscaping, including invasive species eradication. Improvements would have to be approved by the city and paid for by UW-Stout. Some of the work could be done by UW-Stout construction majors and community volunteers.

Club members are enthusiastic about the project, according to President Jason Hendrickson, a UW-Stout senior from Menomonie.

"We enjoy what we do and really want to share it with the community," said Hendrickson. "Each year the course has gotten better and better. We've put a lot of work into it."

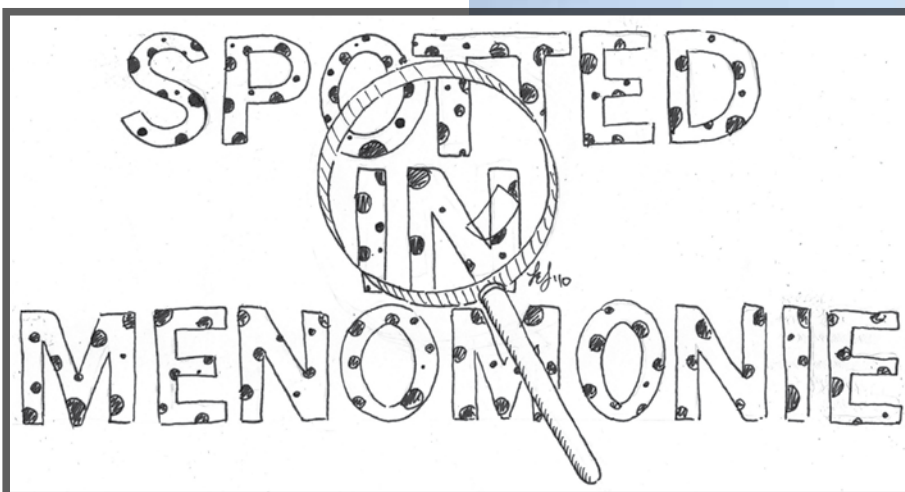
In the agreement, UW-Stout said it will maintain and equip the course, as well as pay for liability insurance taken out by the city. The city may help with mowing.

"It's a really nice course, rugged with steep hills," said Lubke. "I was definitely in favor of this. Disc golf is free, it's a lot of fun, and the course is within walking distance for students."

The club has 25 to 30 members, Hendrickson said, but the course has a much larger following. More than 200 rounds were played in one day last fall, and more than 20,000 rounds are estimated to have been played since 2005, Hendrickson said.

"Last spring you had to wait for a tee time at

Lenn Soderlund/Stoutonia



The Menomonie Lions Club continues the weird Midwestern tradition of placing an old stripped out junk car on a frozen lake and betting on when it will fall through. It is basically a raffle that showcases the long drudging months of winter and celebrates the coming of spring with a payoff. When do you think the "Klunker" will fall through this year?



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BIG Changes for Blue Devil Productions

Andrew Vogl
Entertainment Editor

This semester will mark the first without University of Wisconsin-Stout's Memorial Student Center since its erection in 1985. For Blue Devil Productions, this means finding a new place to host concerts and events until the construction is completed.

David Connell, the newest Music Director for BDP, has been challenged to secure an alternative spot for them to host their weekly events until construction at the MSC is complete.

"It's definitely going to be a crazy semester with the MSC renovations," said Connell. "We are trying to move all of the shows to the Hovlid Hall basement, but some of the things that we've been concerned about is the noise level and if we'll be able to use the space for the rest of the semester."

Last semester, BDP toyed with the idea of hosting occasional productions at The Raw Deal.

"We booked shows at The Raw Deal in the past," said Connell. "It worked out okay, but they don't stay open late enough for us. We will stay in contact with them and may book shows there in the future."

The Hovlid Hall basement will be a similar atmosphere to The Underground at the MSC, which was home to most of BDP's productions prior to the renovation project, minus the traffic and noise that the bowling alley produced. BDP still remains unsure where they are going to host their larger events that were once held in the Great Hall.

"We don't have any locations reserved yet," said Connell. "And it has been a challenge coming up with ideas for locations but it is something we are working on."

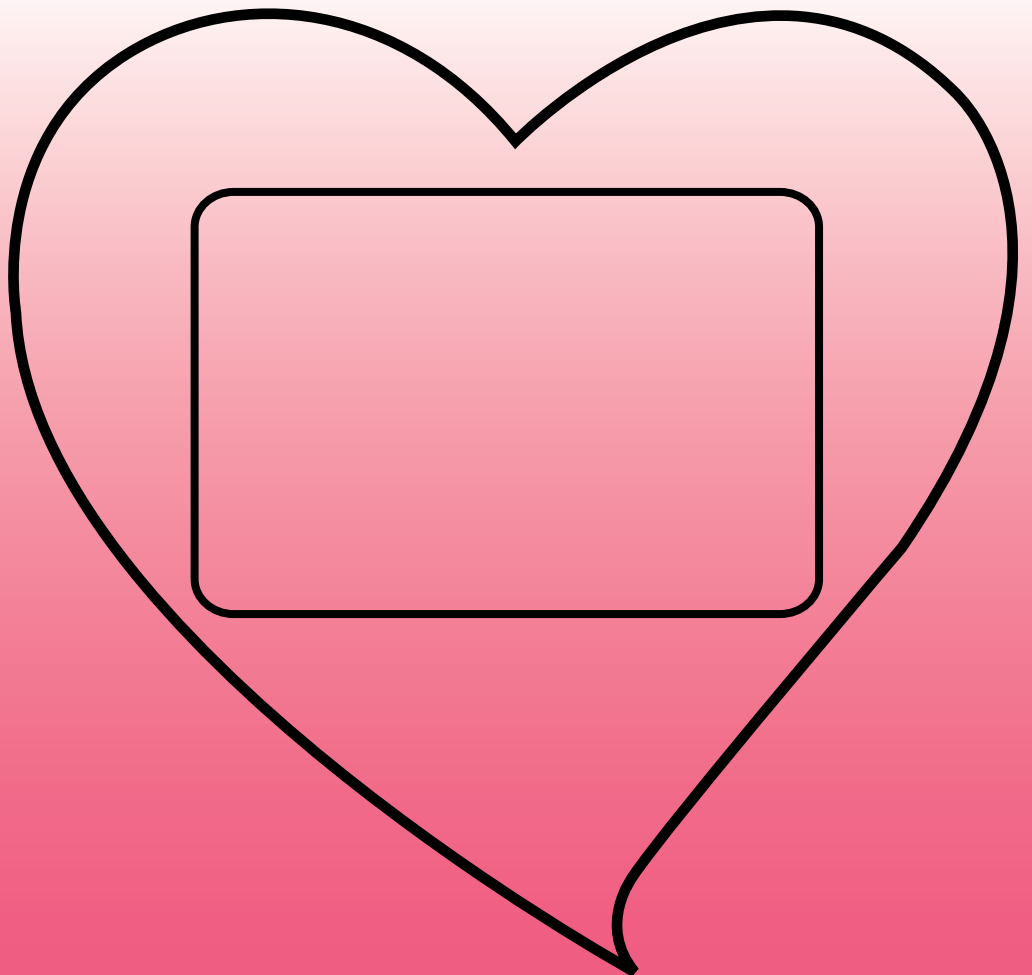


The basement of Hovlid Hall is one of the possibilities for the temporary home of Blue Devil Productions. The recently renovated building is now North Campus' central station.

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The Norse Division: Class of the NFC

Eric Thorson

Editor-in-Chief

The National Football Conference (NFC) North has been in headlines across the nation as well as the focus of countless segments on nationally syndicated sports talk shows. Headlines ran the gamut, from Brett Favre returning to the Minnesota Vikings to Favre's alleged "sexting" scandal. One aspect was overlooked; there were some pretty good football teams within the division vying for playoff births.

Not even all the Metrodomes collapsing or Favre appendages in the world could hide the fact that the NFC Championship Game was comprised of half of the North Division between two teams that share a great deal of history: The Green Bay Packers and the Chicago Bears. The match-up was a dream come true for the media and most Midwesterners.

The Packers earned their trip to the NFC Championship by defeating the Philadelphia Eagles and the Atlanta Falcons on their respective home turfs. Neither win was much of an upset with the way that Aaron Rodgers and the defense played, though they were the sixth seed

and the underdog in both match-ups.

The Bears had a decidedly easier route to play for the George Halas trophy, which is awarded to the champion of the NFC. The Seattle Seahawks were able to pull off one of the great first-round upsets in playoff history by knocking off the defending champions, the New Orleans Saints, at home in Seattle. It was the first time in history that a team with a losing record (7-9) was able to play in a playoff game, let alone host one. The Bears took care of business when the Seahawks soared into Soldier Field in the Divisional Playoffs, which solidified the match-up with the Packers.

The rival teams faced each other in tough games during the regular season, but when Jay Cutler suffered an injury to his knee, the story changed. Colorado State University product Caleb Hanie was forced to handle the majority of the workload. He was outmatched by a stout Packer defense. The Packer Super Bowl ticket was punched when big B.J. Raji intercepted a short pass and returned it for a touchdown. Raji treated the viewers to a plus-sized shimmy in lieu of his usual sack celebration, which I like to call the "feed me."

The Packers are returning to the Super Bowl after their back-to-back appearances in 1997 and 1998. They will face the Pittsburgh Steelers, who hold the record for most all-time Super Bowl wins. Rodgers will have to stay on top of his game against one of the best defenses in the league, and so will Troy Polamalu, who has been dealing with injuries as of late. Rookie running back James Starks is going to have to keep the steel curtain honest for the Packers to have any offensive success.

Defensively, young rookie cornerback Sam Shields' best bet is probably to stick with Mike Wallace, who has been torching defenses all season long. Raji, Clay Matthews and A.J. Hawk will need to try to shut down Rashard Mendenhall and the Steelers' running game. As mature as Rodgers has looked this season, the experience of Ben Roethlisberger, Hines Ward and Coach Mike Tomlin may be just too much for the Packers to handle. My prediction is that the Steelers win their seventh Super Bowl, 24-21.

The game will be aired Sunday, Feb. 6 at 5:30 p.m. on FOX.



Lenn Soderlund / Stoutonia

SUPER BOWL TRIVA

1) Who was the MVP of the first Super Bowl?

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| A. Bart Starr | B. Johnny Unitas |
| C. Joe Namath | D. Len Dawson |

2) What Dallas Cowboy had his helmet stolen at the 1994 Super Bowl?

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| A. Troy Aikman | B. Emmitt Smith |
| C. Michael Irvin | D. Larry Brown |

3) What was the first Super Bowl in which the winning points came on the final play?

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| A. Super Bowl I | B. Super Bowl XIV |
| C. Super Bowl XXX | D. Super Bowl XXXVI |

4) What was the first team to win five Super Bowls?

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| A. Green Bay Packers | B. San Francisco 49ers |
| C. Pittsburgh Steelers | D. Dallas Cowboys |

5) What was the first wild-card team to win a Super Bowl?

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| A. New York Jets | B. Washington Redskins |
| C. Chicago Bears | D. Oakland Raiders |

6) What player holds the record for most rushing yards in a single Super Bowl?

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| A. Emmitt Smith | B. Franco Harris |
| C. Timmy Smith | D. Marcus Allen |

7) Who sang the National Anthem at Super Bowl XVIII?

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| A. Garth Brooks | B. Diana Ross |
| C. Billy Joel | D. Barry Manilow |

8) What player holds the record for most consecutive completions in a Super Bowl?

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| A. Joe Montana | B. Troy Aikman |
| C. Phil Simms | D. Tom Brady |

9) What player holds the record for most career fumbles in a Super Bowl?

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| A. Terry Bradshaw | B. Thurman Thomas |
| C. Roger Staubach | D. Jim Kelly |

10) What performer had a "costume malfunction" during Super Bowl XXXVIII?

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| A. Britney Spears | B. Jennifer Lopez |
| C. Madonna | D. Janet Jackson |

Have a hockey new year

Morgan Pfaller
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men's ice hockey team is a member of the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) and of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC). The Blue Devils are led by Head Coach Terry Watkins (184-198-24), who is currently in his 15th year of coaching the team. Watkins served as coach for eight years when ice hockey was a club team, until it was granted varsity status in 1997. While coaching at UW-Stout, Watkins was the 2006-07 NCHA Coach of the Year and had a Hall of Fame career at UW-Stout as a defenseman.

With 15 years of coaching ice hockey under his belt, Watkins prepares his players both physically and mentally for their rivals on the ice. "We play two different teams on most weekends. Each team has different strengths and weaknesses," said Watkins. "We try to prepare our athletes to react to the changes we may face from each opponent. We, hopefully, explain the importance of each game and the playoff implications as we play in the last few weeks of the regular season."

Consistency on the ice throughout the entire game has been a struggle for the team this 2010-11 hockey season. "Our team this year is very young," Watkins said. "We have been very good with 10 wins and two losses in a recent 12-game period and inconsistent going three wins and three losses over the last two weeks." He also notes that his team's strengths are speed, power and conditioning, and that the team must work its opponents to be successful on the ice.

Justin Giles, a sophomore from Jenks, Okla., feels the team's flaw is keeping a solid lead. "If we play all 60 minutes and take it a period at time, there are not many teams that can beat us," Giles said.

Last Saturday's game was a prime example of its strengths and weaknesses as it faced off

against St. Olaf College. UW-Stout built up a 4-2 lead but unfortunately could not maintain the winning front as the team lost, 5-4, in overtime.

St. Olaf was the first to score within three minutes of the game. UW-Stout quickly took the lead from there. The Blue Devils ended the first period with a 2-1 lead with a goal from Charles Lachance.

Lachance scored his second goal of the game in the beginning of the second period, pulling the lead 3-1. The St. Olaf Oles closed the gap when Jeff Warren scored three minutes later. Branden Gay, a senior from Calgary, Alberta, gave UW-Stout a two-goal margin a few seconds later.

St. Olaf tied the score with a goal by Kevin Harris and another goal by Derek Grogran. Both teams played scoreless hockey for the remaining time. The Oles snagged the win in overtime with another goal by Warren.

For each period, the Blue Devil's used a different goalie. Mike Morgan, a junior from Northfield Minn., worked the goal the first period with nine saves, allowing only on goal. Nick Hopper and Tom Lescovich took the remaining periods.

"Both games are on the road and the team needs to put in the effort early on in each game and keep continuous pressure on their goaltenders and stay out of penalty trouble," said Watkins. "Scholastica's team plays a physical game and is not very disciplined. Superior has great speed and solid goaltending."

Although each opponent is different, Watkins maintains a basic strategy. "A very fast opponent we may try to slow down by extra body contact, and a very physical team we may try to draw into penalty situations and then exploit them with our power play."

The next ice hockey team expressed interest is getting people to attend games and cheer it on as they continue to work towards the playoffs. The team will travel to St. Scholastica and then head over to the University of Wisconsin-Superior on Saturday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m.

The young track and field team transition

Jodi Larson
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout track and field team recently began its indoor season and is making a comeback from last year. The team's numbers are up and its times are substantially better than last year. UW-Stout had its first indoor home meet on Jan. 22 where many of the athletes started the season off with high marks.

The UW-Stout track and field team is predominantly comprised of freshmen and sophomores. A coaching switch in 2008 led to a small recruiting class. This season's numbers are up, showing how much of an impact recruiting has on the team. Head Coach Laura Knudsen and the rest of the coaching staff are working towards making this a successful year.

The new recruits are transitioning well. "We have a lot of new faces because we lost a lot of the upperclassmen, and I see a lot of potential in the new guys," said senior and captain Sam Flood. "Since everyone is so young, it will take a couple

meets for everyone to catch on, and it will take some freshmen and sophomores to step up for our team to be good. The upperclassmen also have to step into leadership positions for the younger members to look up to."

Having upperclassmen to help lead seems to be beneficial for new members with their transition from high school standards to college-level competition. Right now, the team is rebuilding a solid base for the newcomers so that they can step into leadership roles down the road.

"I see a lot of potential in our upcoming freshmen," said Sam Jahnke, a junior and captain on the team. "They are hard-working, determined and play a significant role on our team. Their personalities and work ethics have blended well, and I see high hopes for them in the future."

Saturday, Feb. 29 is the Warren Bowlus Open. This is UW-Stout's last home meet until the conference meet Feb. 25-26. This year, UW-Stout is hosting the WIAC indoor conference and hopes to see many UW-Stout supporters. Good luck to the UW-Stout track and field team.

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On Jan. 22, the University of Wisconsin-Stout played at home against the University of Wisconsin - River Falls. The Blue Devils kept the score tight for the first half, with the Falcons using runs of 17-2 and 17-3 to pull away in the second half. Despite excellent defense, UW-Stout was unable to catch up because of lack of shooting and lost 63-44. Amanda Daleiden captured a five-point lead, hitting a 3-pointer on consecutive possessions. Tricia VanVreede led the team with 11 points and nine rebounds.

Next game: UW-Stout will travel to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater on Saturday, Jan. 29 at 6 p.m.



Blue Devil Hockey

On Jan. 22, the University of Wisconsin-Stout played at the Rosemount Ice Arena against St. Olaf College. St. Olaf scored three minutes into the game, but UW-Stout managed to take a late 2-1 lead in the final minute of the period. St. Olaf regained the lead, and the teams played scoreless through the regulation. UW-Stout suffered a 5-4 loss. Different goalies played in each period, with Mike Morgan allowing only one goal but recording nine saves.

Next game: UW-Stout will travel to St. Scholastica and then head over to the University of Wisconsin-Superior on Saturday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m.



Men's Basketball

On Jan. 22, the University of Wisconsin-Stout played at home against the UW-River Falls. UW-Stout's Erik Olson scored a collegiate-high of 19 points, but it was not enough to offset the Falcons as they downed the Blue Devil's 87-73. The Falcons shot 60 percent in the first half, but calmed down slightly in the second half to 55 percent. Eric Hostetter finished with 13 points. and Alex Oman netted 10 points. The Falcons managed to get five players into the double digits.

Next game: UW-Stout will travel to the UW-Whitewater on Saturday, Jan. 29 at 4 p.m.

Answers: 1) A, 2) B, 3) D, 4) B, 5) D, 6) C, 7) D, 8) A, 9) C, 10) D

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Men's Ice Hockey at UW-Superior
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Men's Ice Hockey at UW-Eau Claire
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1	1	1520 1/2 7th Street E	\$395	\$395	Nice apartment w/ garage, washer/dryer, close to campus	D
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	\$395	\$395	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, close to campus	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	\$395	\$395	Efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	\$425	\$425	Studio, includes WSG, heat & parking, great location	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #5	\$425	\$425	Studio, includes WSG, heat & parking, close to campus	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	\$435	\$435	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	\$455	\$455	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, parking	A
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #3	\$455	\$455	Nice apt, private entrance & parking, WSG, HW & heat incl.	6
1	1	333 1/2 Main Street #1	\$495	\$495	Large, desirable downtown apt, includes WSG & heat	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	\$545	\$545	Fantastic apartment, includes utilities & parking	8
2	1	113 West Main Street	\$360	\$180	Close to campus/downtown, some upgrades, nice-sized rooms	3
2	1	115 West Main Street	\$370	\$185	New carpet throughout, close to campus/downtown, parking	3
2	1	620 15th Avenue E	\$480	\$240	Upper duplex, very nice, large rooms & closets, parking	D
2	1	802 6th Avenue #6	\$550	\$275	Nice apartment, large rooms, utilities & parking included	6
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #1	\$560	\$280	Cute apt, private entrance, parking, heat, WSG & HW incl.	6
3	1	2215 1/2 5th Street E	\$425	\$142	Lower duplex, good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	220 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$620	\$207	Upper duplex, incl. W/D, off-street parking, great location	D
3	1	220 12th Avenue West	\$620	\$207	Large lower duplex, washer/dryer, parking, great location	D
3	1	802 6th Avenue #4	\$660	\$220	Nice apt, private entrance, includes utilities & parking	A
4	1	1120 15th Avenue E	\$650	\$163	Good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, off-street parking	D
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #1	\$820	\$205	Nice & spacious, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, nice location	8
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #4	\$820	\$205	Nice & spacious, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, nice location	8
4	1	1215 10 th Street E	\$840	\$210	3-season porch, built-ins, W/D, storage, garage, large yard	H
5	1	1121 6th Avenue E	\$700	\$140	Large house, new flooring, front porch, off-street parking	H
5	2	504 10th Street E	\$900	\$180	Huge house, big rooms, W/D, basement storage, parking	H
5	2	2006 5th Street #A	\$950	\$190	Large house, good-sized rooms, W/D, off-street parking	3
5	2	1521 8th Street	\$1,000	\$200	Nice-sized rooms, new paint, W/D, big yard, good location	H
5	2.5	1502 7th Street E	\$1,100	\$220	Recently remodeled, washer/dryer, porch, large yard	H
5	2	321 20th Avenue #D	\$1,200	\$240	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, den, W/D, parking, etc.	4
5	2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,225	\$245	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus!	H
5	2	1708 6th Street E Apt B	\$1,350	\$270	Excellent apartment, W/D, large rooms, off-street parking	D
6	2	504 10th Street E	\$900	\$150	Huge house, big rooms, W/D, basement storage, parking	H
6	2	1603 7th Street E	\$900	\$150	Nice house, washer/dryer, recent updates, off-street parking	H
6	2	115 17th Avenue West	\$1,200	\$200	Nice house, great location, W/D, front porch & garage	D
6	2	321 20th Avenue #A	\$1,200	\$200	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #B	\$1,200	\$200	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #C	\$1,200	\$200	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	220 12th Avenue West	\$1,240	\$207	2 full kitchens, 2 washer/dryer sets, parking, great location	H
7	2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,225	\$175	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus	H
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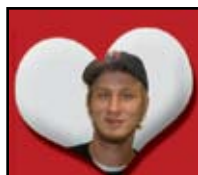
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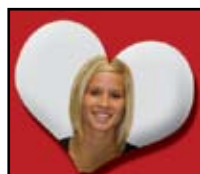
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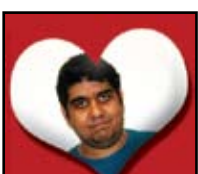
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Here he is in all his glory, the new hero of the cheesehead nation, Aaron Rodgers. Hes sporting his championship belt that he has been gesturing all season long. Superman was the motivation behind this drawing and I don't think anyone will argue with the comparison.



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Planning on traveling abroad for Spring Break?

Jerad Maplethorpe
News Editor

Traveling to another country can be a fantastic experience. Discovering new languages, cultures, landscapes, architecture, transportation and etiquette is often exhilarating. It is also an opportunity to experience a unique perspective that differs from the United States.

College can be a good time to travel. Not only can students rally up a group of friends to travel with, but additional financial aid money can help fund the trip. However, while the majority of college students' trips abroad go flawlessly, there is always a chance of a negative incident happening.

Take, for instance, the National Geographic's show, "Locked Up Abroad." The show features reenactments of extreme situations in which U.S. citizens are imprisoned in other countries for long periods of time, usually due to drug trafficking or drug possession. The U.S. Department of State reports that more than 2,500 U.S. citizens are arrested abroad each year. It is relatively rare, but the conse-

quences can be dire.

When traveling abroad, it is crucial to remain aware of your surroundings. Hollywood sensationalizes frightening situations that can occur in other countries in movies like "Hostile" and "Taken," but there is always the potential for robbery or rape when in unfamiliar surroundings.

Other than natural causes, motor vehicle accidents are the number one cause of death abroad. Other countries have very different safety standards, so it is important to educate yourself prior to departure.

As stated before, it is highly unlikely that anything extreme should happen while vacationing abroad. However, as all college students know, it is better to be prepared for anything. To educate yourself before the trip, visit <http://studentsabroad.state.gov>.

In addition, consider signing up for the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). Those enrolled with the STEP program can be contacted by the State Department if there is a family emergency or a crisis in a foreign country. Visit <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/> to sign up for STEP.

OneShirt National Collegiate Clothing Drive

This spring, hundreds of universities and colleges will mobilize thousands of student volunteers to make a difference through the oneShirt National Collegiate Clothing Drive to be held Feb. 21-23. Student volunteers from UW-Stout will collect bags of clothing from residents and students throughout the community and campus to be donated to Goodwill Industries to benefit their back-to-work programs. Any clothing that cannot be resold will be recycled by GoodWill.

On average, Americans dispose of 68 pounds of clothing per person every year, which represents 4 percent of the solid waste stream in the U.S. In addition, clothing occupies about 5 percent of all landfill space. Donating unwanted clothing to be re-distributed or recycled can make a significant difference in our world.

"It is a nice way to get rid of the clutter in your closet," said Organizational Affairs Director for the Stout Student Association Josh Fritz. "I am looking forward to the possibility of this being a yearly event."

In addition to the partnership with Good-

Will Industries, the oneShirt campaign is also working with Nuru International, an organization that works to end poverty throughout the world.

If you would like to get involved at UW-Stout, either by donating clothing or helping to collect clothing, please contact Vanessa Kuettel at 715-232-2100 or ssalegaffairs@uwstout.edu.



Focus on infection: Black Death

Ryan Gilbertson
Contributing writer

The epidemic known as the Black Death, or bubonic plague, was caused by a deadly bacterium called *Yersinia pestis*. The organism infects rodents, and fleas can act as a vector for the disease. Several different epidemics of plague were recorded. During the 1300s, the disease swept through Europe at an alarming rate, killing roughly a third of the population. Victims were overwhelmed by flu-like symptoms, including fever, headache and weakness. Later stages of disease resulted in blackened lesions and death.

The infection was commonly contracted by humans from infestation with fleas carrying the microbe. Following the flea bite, bacteria invaded the victim's lymphatic system and caused swollen and tender lymph nodes called buboes,

hence the name of the disease. The disease has two other forms in which it can occur: septicemic and pneumonic. Septicemic plague occurs when the bacteria multiply in the blood. Pneumonic plague infects the lungs and is highly contagious because it is spread through airborne droplets. Pneumonic plague can develop from untreated septicemic or bubonic plagues.

There was no cure for plague prior to the 1940's, which allowed progression of the disease into the pneumonic stage and further spread. The disease still exists today, though recovery of the victim is possible if treated early with antibiotics.

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This image is from the upcoming poster display "An Iconography of Contagion: An Exhibition of 20th-Century Health Posters from the collection of the National Library of Medicine", which will be running at the Furlong Gallery from Feb. 17-April 1. The poster exhibition is sponsored by the Cultural Programs of the National Academy of Sciences, with additional support provided by the President's Circle Communications Initiative of the National Academies.



Pathway to Professionalism

Answers about professional dress, etiquette and attitude

Rachael Lundeen
Staff Writer

Do you ever wish you had the answers to the unknown questions about the business world? Questions like: How do you dress for an interview? What fork do you eat with? What is the correct way to shake someone's hand? Well, now you can get answers to all of these questions and many more.

On Wednesday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. in Jarvis Hall, the American Marketing Association (AMA) is hosting its Pathway to Professionalism night. Numerous employers from reputable companies will be coming to teach University of Wisconsin-Stout students how to act in various business and professionally oriented situations.

Some of the companies attending are Tom James, Hormel Foods, Northwestern Mutual Financial and Thrivent Financial. Seminar topics include: How to Dress Professionally, Dining Etiquette and Interviewing Skills and Attitude. A career fair will follow the event.

"What we really want is for students to be exposed to these important topics so they aren't put in a situation where they don't know how to act," said Senior Vice President of Careers and Placement Lindsey McLinnis. "We really want to give our students the edge over other schools and the competition. When students are put in front of employers, we want ours to stick out and become noticed for their professional attitude and skills."

"I feel this is important because we need to be prepared for meeting potential employers," said AMA's Senior Vice President Matt Steil. "You could have the best grades and résumé in the world but won't go anywhere if you don't have the right knowledge of professionalism. Our main goal is to increase awareness around campus and strengthen the student body. It is important to be aware of these different aspects of professionalism."

"This topic of professionalism is especially important because we are a university that is career focused and this is another branch of that," said Senior Vice President of National Affairs Megan Nelson. "Especially with being a sales or marketing emphasis, this event will help these students compete with other universities that have more career options like marketing and sales majors. We are trying to hook our students up with the best of the best and make sure they can get great jobs. This is so very important for students who want to be professional in the work world. We want students to learn how to act after they graduate and know what to expect."

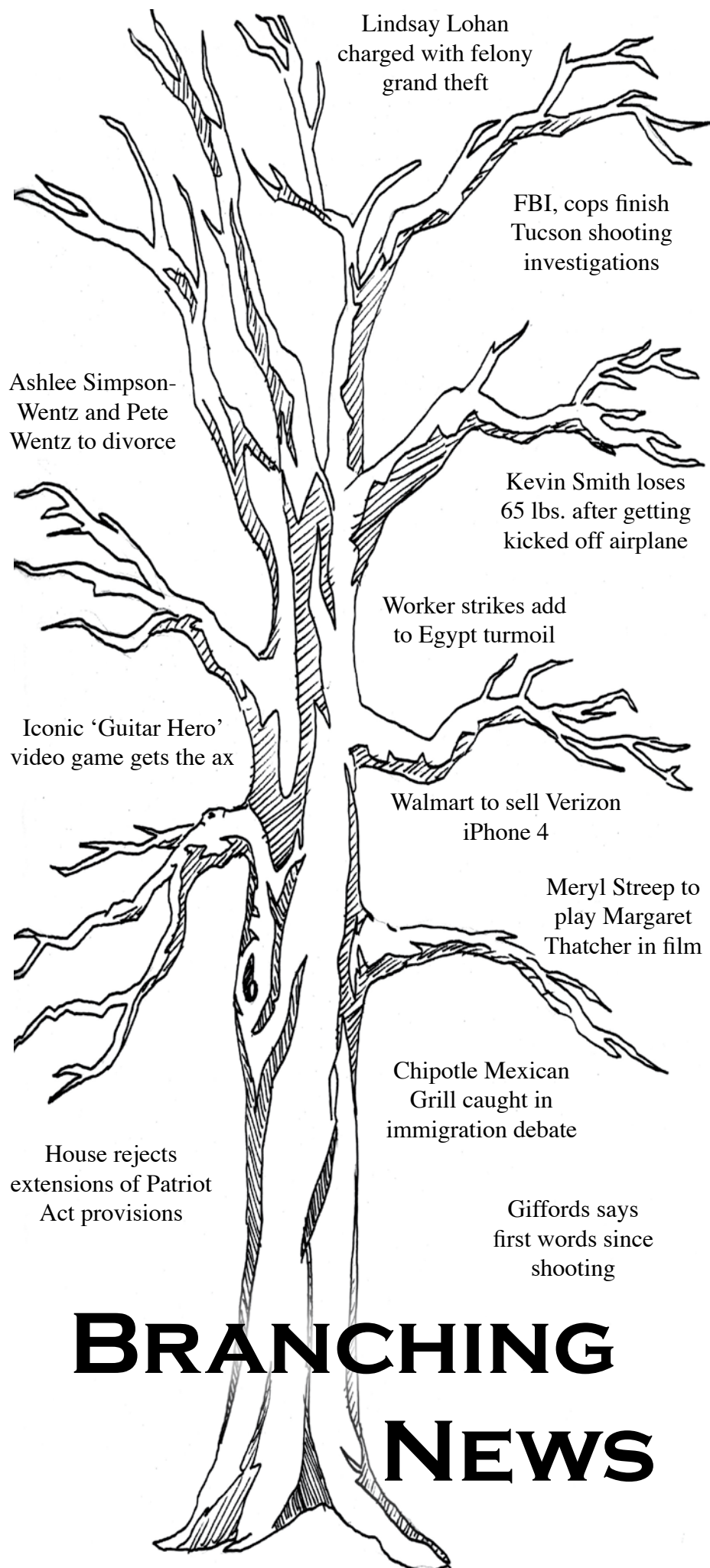
"This event is a great opportunity to network with reputable companies that hire from our student body," said Steil.

AMA strongly encourages those who are interested in learning to be more professional to attend the event. For additional information about topics being covered, or answers to general questions, contact ama@uwstout.edu.



Rachael Lundeen/Contributed Photo

Six members of the UW-Stout AMA pose for a picture at a recent convention.



Wine and Spirits

Jessica Christiansen
Staff Writer

Recent incidents that have occurred at the University of Wisconsin-Stout may have some people finding it hard to believe that students are capable of consuming alcohol in a responsible manner. But what those people are not aware of is that such an option does exist. Instructor Peter D'Souza teaches Wine and Spirits here at UW-Stout. There, students learn the applied and historical knowledge of the preparation of wine and spirits from regions all over the world.

Before the course was developed, D'Souza went to a Hotel and Culinary school to study the particulars of food and wine. After working as a chef for InterContinental Hotels for five years, D'Souza traveled to many areas of the world and thereafter began teaching.

"He is very passionate about his work," said teacher assistant Kurt Anderson.

The Wine and Spirits course was created by D'Souza in 1988 and has been offered as an elective ever since.

"The main goal of Wines and Spirits is to educate students, in a controlled environment, about the positive aspects of alcohol and to consume alcohol with the right foods," said D'Souza.

The course also highlights the selection of wine and spirits, their combination with food, cost control analysis and service. In order to be eligible to take the course, students must be at least twenty-one years old and are expected to follow D'Souza's policy of zero-tolerance for alcohol abuse in the classroom. According to the class syllabus, if a student comes intoxicated in class or is intoxicated after tasting in class, the instructor reserves the right to drop the student from the course. Seeing as alcohol moderation is stressed, the university feels it is a significant course to teach to the students.

"Students' initial impression is one of consuming alcohol by itself. Then, they consume alcohol with food and the experience is one of the appreciations and wonderful marriages between wine and food. Then, a healthy respect for the beverage," said D'Souza.

Students consume six wines at one ounce increments for a total of six ounces with food, which is done once a week for eleven weeks.

Throughout the course, videos of wine preparation and the history of six countries are discussed, including the United States, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal and Germany. D'Souza also invites the brew masters from Lucette Brewery, LeienKugel's and SouthShore Brewery to be guest speakers in the class when students consume beer. In addition to the guest speakers, D'Souza holds a banquet near the end of each semester. At the banquet, students have a seven-course meal that is served in the fine dining restaurant laboratory "Rendezvous." The

purpose of this banquet is to consolidate all of the knowledge the students have learned into a live restaurant industry atmosphere.

The class is offered in both the fall and spring semesters with two sections available. It has an average of 75 students enrolled per semester.

"I see a gradual but major positive shift of students' attitudes at the end of the class. They appreciate the beverage and have a healthy respect for alcohol," said D'Souza.

So, it seems there is a way to learn how responsible alcohol consumption in a moderate manner can be done positively.

"This course is critical in making students professionals in their career choices, and I feel privileged in having played a role in making them lifelong global citizens. Lastly, I emphasize that they disrespect themselves when they abuse alcohol," said D'Souza.



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Lights, Camera, Action: Harvey Hall Theater makeover

Tiffany Willits
Staff Writer

Chicago Musical

The theater staff and construction crew of the Harvey Hall Theatre makeover deserve a big round of applause... literally. Harvey Hall opened its newly designed \$56,000,000 theater this fall after two years of planning and getting the final design approved. It is now considered one of the best theaters in the Chippewa Falls area and is gearing up for its first performance in the new space with the musical "Chicago." Paul Calenberg, director of theater, is excited for the new opportunities that the theater will bring to the community.

"Chicago" was chosen as the first production because when the original came out in 1975, I was taken with the music and the story telling," said Calenberg.

Allison Tilsen-Kassabian will be a guest artist playing the role of Mama Morton. Tilsen-Kassabian spent two seasons on national tour with "Grease," is a founding member of The Glamazons and has been featured several times on Comedy Central's, "Chappelle's Show."

"While most people are familiar with the newer "Chicago" film, this will only build on the excitement from the film," said Calenberg. "I want to celebrate with a big bang."

Transformation

Classes have already been held in Harvey Hall Theater, which now has wider seats that provide more comfort.

"From head to toe, there hasn't been a spot that hasn't been touched," said Calenberg. "From a personal level, this has been an experience of a lifetime. To have input on the decision making process was a wonderful opportunity. After years in the theater profession, this renovation has become a reality."

A new lobby area outside of the theater provides for a welcoming feel with its new box office, something that was not available with the old theater. The lobby has a few benches outside that act as a waiting area during intermission or for seating before a show starts. New light fixtures twist across the ceiling to provide for a full theater atmosphere.

"New draperies on the stage, antique lighting fixtures and warmer paint tones have been chosen to provide a palate of warmth while still holding true to the historical nature of the original theater," said Calenberg.

The original theater sat just over 400 people. The new theater, however, fits 314 people but provides larger chairs and more comfort.

"My favorite view is on stage because I see the nice, intimate space, and I can see

the improvement," says Calenberg. "The nice things are the aesthetics of the house and the new seating. All of the plaster work, the interior design and the comfort level of the patients has increased exponentially."

Stage Level

"We now have a state-of-the-art sound and lighting system," said Calenberg. "We have a brand new computerized rigging system that enables props, scenery and people to be flown in safely. The machine automatically adjusts to weight, is precise and it is a much safer system. Wireless microphones and an open-air sound booth provide for better sound and allows for little to no errors in the sound system. All of our technology is integrated and compatible, where in the past we used whatever we had."

A labor-intensive process, all of the theater props had to be completely removed from the theater while it was being remodeled.

"We had to take three semi-trailers full of 1916 dated material away for a while, and I am looking forward to putting it all back into place," said Calenberg. "Our scene shop [on the same level as the stage] has an elevated floor so no steps are needed, which eases accessibility for moving equipment. We have a lift that goes down to the ground level, which is helpful when lifting heavy musical instruments, and there is a spray booth that is used for painting.

We lost some space, but it's much safer, and it's a compromise we had to make."

Lower Level (basement)

The lower level has been completely gutted and now uses space more efficiently.

"The layout floor plan is user friendly, and we have new dressing rooms, shower facilities and bathrooms," said Calenberg.

A costume and scene shop is included, as well as a "green room," otherwise known as the lounging room. From the floor to the ceiling, a metal grid platform has been installed, which was previously made of wood.

"In terms of safety, the grid platform has vastly improved. It is functional and user friendly," said Calenberg.

Balcony

"The balcony now contains a control booth that gives us functionality in terms of production elements," said Calenberg. "The balcony is one of my favorite parts because it is a pretty area. We tore down the old balcony and moved the new one back a foot-and-a-half so that actors' heads weren't being chopped off from the seats."

The balcony is now ADA accessible and assists with the hearing impaired. It seats 100 people. The control booth above the balcony is

expansive with great lighting equipment, a sound and lighting board and will be used for extra storage.

These are exciting times for the Harvey Hall Theater. The new renovation coupled with the musical "Chicago" is enough to get anyone excited. Students are encouraged to tour the theater and attend a production.

"We're very fortunate that our chancellor has been a supporter for the theater renovation, as well as former Dean of College of Arts/Humanities/Social Sciences John Murphy," said Calenberg. "Nothing has been left out for what we needed to do to make this a comprehensive, legitimate theater renovation."

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UW-Stout students practice their dance routine with Paul Calenberg during their audition on Feb. 8.

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Above is the newly renovated theater entrance. The theater installed new wider seats for additional comfort as seen below.



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5	2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,225	\$245	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus!	H
5	2	1708 6th Street E Apt B	\$1,350	\$270	Excellent apartment, W/D, large rooms, off-street parking	D
6	2	504 10th Street E	\$900	\$150	Huge house, big rooms, W/D, basement storage, parking	H
6	2	1603 7th Street E	\$900	\$150	Nice house, washer/dryer, recent updates, off-street parking	H
6	2	115 17th Avenue West	\$1,200	\$200	Nice house, great location, W/D, front porch & garage	D
6	2	321 20th Avenue #A	\$1,200	\$200	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #B	\$1,200	\$200	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	321 20th Avenue #C	\$1,200	\$200	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	220 12th Avenue West	\$1,240	\$207	2 full kitchens, 2 washer/dryer sets, parking, great location	H
7	2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,225	\$175	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus	H
7	3	1102 10th Street E	\$1,600	\$229	Nice, big house, good-sized rooms, W/D, 2-car garage	H
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HIGH-SPEED RAIL

Robert Kempainen
Opinions Editor

Two years ago, as part of the stimulus package to help revitalize the American economy, Congress awarded \$8 billion for high-speed transit in hopes that it would jump-start construction projects across America. In some cases, this federal funding has been a success, but in others, like here in Wisconsin, not so much.

The newly elected Governor Scott Walker, rejected \$810 million that would have connected Chicago and Minneapolis with high-speed rail lines running through Wisconsin. This move prompted severe criticism from both parties when Walker called the death of high-speed rail in Wisconsin “a victory.”

So what went wrong? To begin with, the stimulus package, comprising of spending projects, tax cuts and aid to state governments, only awarded money to shovel-ready projects; it didn't set an agenda for the future. In this particular case, the \$8 billion approved for shovel-ready projects wasn't actually for high-speed. The average speed for the trains that would've moved through Wisconsin was between 70 and 110 mph, not nearly enough to entice the average driver into switching from car to train.

The problem with the original stimulus plan and, I think, the reason that the incoming Governor Walker was so eager to reject the \$810 million dollars is that the plan wasn't big enough or fast enough to make a beneficial impact. High-speed rail needs to actually be high speed, otherwise, what's the point?

The time is now for America to make the investment in a high-speed, state of the art interstate railway system. Most other industrialized nations have already beat us to the chase. Just look at what our creeping competitor China has been able to accomplish in just a few years. While we have been spending close to \$10 billion a month in Iraq and Afghanistan, they have been spending \$10 billion a month building 4,000 miles of high-speed rail. By 2020, China's plan is to have 16,000 miles of track built.

I'd bet Scott Walker wouldn't say no to China's Shanghai Maglev, which reaches a max speed of 268 miles per hour in just a short 18.7 mile trip. Did I mention that high-speed rail is clean, too? The Maglev's green technology uses magnetic levitation for lift and propulsion, allowing it to reach max speeds with little to no effect on the environment.

China is not alone in this endeavor. Japan's Shinkansen and France's TGV are quite extraordinary machines as well, reaching speeds over 160 mph. Taiwan, Spain, Germany and most other European countries all have high-speed rail systems. There is even a high-speed rail that goes under the English Channel, connecting Great Britain with the European continent. Where is America's?

Just imagine this scenario Stoutonians: Say you wanted to go to Madison on a Thursday night and had class at noon the next day. If we had the Maglev stop here in Menomonie, it would take approximately one hour to get to Madison, and that's with a 10-minute stop in Eau Claire to pick up your friends. Then you can jump back on the train in the morning at 10 a.m. and be back in time for class at noon.

Let's think for a minute now what you just gained by taking the train. First, you saved four hours of your time by not driving since it takes an average of six hours there and back. Second, you didn't waste any money on gas—only a \$10 round-trip ticket. And third, instead of focusing on driving, you were able to study on the train, both ways, with its full Wi-Fi capability and noticeably quiet ride.

It's about time the federal government made a high-speed rail offer that no political party can refuse. America needs to modernize its infrastructure and rail lines to meet the fast-paced demands of the 21st century. For those skeptical about the future of high-speed rail, just look at what major infrastructure investments past presidents have done. Lincoln invested in the cross continental railroad during the Civil War. This made way for the industrial revolution and the modern age. Eisenhower invested in the interstate highway system. This spurred the retail and suburban revolutions, making way for economic growth on a scale unimaginable at the time. Major infrastructure projects change societies for the better.

Just this week, the president's administration proposed a six-year, \$53 billion spending plan for actual high-speed rail. A minor step compared to China's 300 billion dollar investments. Nonetheless, if approved, this plan will bolster infrastructure spending and jump-start job creation in the construction industry for years to come.

It's a win-win situation for all Americans. Not only will the economy benefit through increased real estate investment and productivity of business, but so will the state, which would eventually start making money from rail like other countries have been. Japan, for example, has over 151 million passengers a year ride its high speed rail. They have already made back their investments. If high-speed rail were available, college students all across this nation would definitely use it; it would also connect universities in more ways than one.

If Congress approves the plan, the money would go toward developing or improving trains that travel up to 250 mph, like the ones in China and around the world. It's a grand plan that all Americans should get behind. Call our governor and tell him to support this initiative to transport us on a fast-track to the future.

Clock tower query

Lauryn Seering
Sports Editor

The University of Wisconsin-Stout has a professional image: the logos, the typeface and the color scheme. It's an image that most students would recognize, but few would question.

All posters, flyers, brochures and websites go through a marketing office and are often revised to meet identity standards. Recently, I had to incorporate these standards for several projects into my coursework. That's when a thought struck me.

The clock tower—Stout's most notable landmark—makes noise but fails to tell time. This thought was specifically about Stout's identity and how this campus portrays itself. Bowman Hall is the first building most students know the name of on campus. It's an icon branded onto every student ID, on every tray at the University Dining Services and on every pamphlet our school distributes to potential students. This is the symbol of our school, so why doesn't the clock tower work?

Yes, the bell tolls, but since I started as a freshman in 2007, and probably long before then, the clock tower's face has not moved or changed; it is perpetually still. Is that the type of image we want to give to potential students? You would think that a school touting how polytechnic it is would want its primary identity to, at least work. Most people probably wouldn't be that observant at first, but I'm sure that I'm not the first to notice this.

Are we really so polytechnic that we can't fix our own clock tower? It seems this would be a primary goal for the administration, before renovating the MSC and before adding all those “Inspiring Innovation” flags around campus. I guess I understand that on our schools seal, the face of Bowman remains still, but the clock tower itself and life at Stout is anything but still.

And on that note, our other school logo is a quill. When the school first opened in 1891, the quill was pretty innovative. But now, it's a symbol of days past. But I guess the copyright laws have already been paid for, and it's a little too late to change that. I'm bringing up the quill because all of our symbols at campus are old-fashioned.

Don't get me wrong; I love this school to pieces. We are a polytechnic university, and that provides some of the biggest incentives of attending here.

But, c'mon Stout. Really, why doesn't our clock tower work?





Marc Anderson/Stoutonia

Protests make way for new middle eastern renaissance

Brandt Ambercrombie III
Staff Writer

The density and complexity of the events currently transpiring in the Middle East cannot be compacted into one single explanation. The social conditions in countries like Tunisia, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Yemen and Gaza have been steadily moving toward a climax for some time. What is taking place can only be described as a domino effect of social upheaval, generated from one luminous moment where the people of these nations declared that present conditions are no longer acceptable. The violations of essential human rights and injustices to those less fortunate must cease immediately. The whole world is bearing witness as thousands throughout the Middle East take to the streets in an effort to demand immediate liberation from dictatorial governments—most of which have been in power for decades—and begin to finally take stewardship over their own respective nations.

The catalyst for this massive social “awakening” occurred on Dec. 17, 2010. On this day, a Tunisian street vendor doused himself in gasoline and lit himself on fire in protest of the gov-

ernment’s iron-fisted, autocratic policies and the economic conditions surrounding the resulting economic environment. This single act of sacrifice was more successful than any act of terror, which could have been his response, and gave people of the region a symbol for the struggles and frustration they were all experiencing. Massive, peaceful protests reminiscent of U.S. protests during the 1960s and 70s began first in Tunisia and resulted in the president fleeing the country, thus ushering in a new chapter Tunisian democracy.

Aided by social media outlets like Facebook and Twitter, people were able to communicate common grievances within their communities, and this acted as an accelerator for direct action. As a result, the passion of the Tunisian Revolution ignited a similar response in Egypt. The citizens are currently enacting their own civil authority to oust President Hosni Sayyid Mubarak, a U.S.—backed autocrat who assumed power after the assassination of President Anwar El Sadat. For 30 years the people of Egypt have been subjected to the whims of a totalitarian state, and today it is evident that a new epoch of democratic rule is beginning to take shape of

the people, by the people and for the people.

The concept of human dignity is heavily at play within these events, and people truly do have their limits before radical action is needed to initiate change. The record price of food, commodities and other economic constraints can be cited as one of the key events aiding in the fury of these protests. When people struggle to survive under a regime that dictates their whole lives, whether it is a dictatorship or democracy, they begin to question the system’s competence to provide for the greater society.

Will this tone dissipate as we move forward toward a planetary whole? Or is this purely a sign of things to come throughout the entire world? As petroleum prices continue to increase, and as the true scarcity of our most essential resource is realized, it can be understood that prices will inevitably increase throughout all markets. This has the potential to further stretch the limits of the social fabrics of our nations and lead to similar outcries in other parts of the world, including the U.S.

When we reflect on our common humanity, all these things seem very black and white: food and clean water for everyone, adequate access to

education and a general ability to have a sound quality of life. That’s a simple concept, right? Unfortunately, not all nations are created equal, and though philanthropic ideals may permeate through the society at the end of the day, it is still a matter of us v s. them. The global competition for resources is ruthless in every way, shape and form. It will only be overcome through a massive paradigm shift of social consciousness. This capitalistic resource war, though it promises a better life, is the single largest threat to the social fabrics of our species. Based on the policies and procedures of governments and corporations, which at this point are relatively interchangeable, it is evident that they have a total disregard for humanity. If this was not the case, how can one account for the heinous acts that are carried out in the name of revenue?

It is easy to ignore the suffering of the street from the penthouse. If we are fortunate, this justified fervor from the current Middle Eastern renaissance will continue to resonate with people throughout the world and act as the catalyst needed to crest this hump in the evolution of human civil society. We should be so lucky.

Exclusive interview with Sen Ron Johnson

Stoutonia scores an inside look at the Senator's politics and recent visit to UW-Stout

S: What did you like most about the University of Wisconsin-Stout?

RJ: *I had a great time visiting the campus. I enjoyed the people I met and certainly enjoyed touring the labs – with fully functioning production equipment. It was a very impressive facility.*

S: UW-Stout prides itself in preparing its students for real world, focused professions. One such focus is in the field of packaging. As an owner of a packaging company, how beneficial is it to have a university like UW-Stout training prospective employees? Do you think more universities should follow our polytechnic lead?

RJ: *I think it's great that there are polytechnic schools like UW-Stout, and the focus on packaging is encouraging. It's important that our educational system offer training in areas that have a direct impact in manufacturing and production. I think one way to help ensure a strong manufacturing base is to offer interested students an educational background that prepares them for careers in this area.*

S: Do you support the federal government's role in equalizing the opportunity for students of all incomes to obtain a college degree? If so, how will you expand that opportunity? If not, what alternatives are there for low-income students to afford a college degree?

RJ: *I would like to see everyone who wants to go to college be able to go. I also think that every high school student should have good information on all the possible options as they approach graduation: four-year college, two-year college, technical college, military or just straight into the workforce.*

S: College students are increasingly tuning out

their elected representatives due to the negative rhetoric being thrown around from all sides in the political mainstream. As a consequence, distrust in the government among young people is at its highest level ever. In the next six years, how will you seek to restore that sacred trust needed for our government's inevitable existence?

RJ: *I can't pretend to speak for all sides, but I would say that I have made clear that I am eager to work with anyone who is legitimately committed to solving the fiscal crisis our nation faces. The Congressional Budget Office's latest projection shows us adding another \$12 trillion to our debt over the next 10 years—and this assumes a rather rosy scenario. This is simply not sustainable. I'm very hopeful that both parties can work together in the next few years to ad-*

“I think it’s great that there are polytechnic schools like UW-Stout.”

- Senator Ron Johnson

dress this serious problem.

S: As young citizens, it is difficult to believe that our voices can make a difference in the world. What can we do now to benefit America for future generations to come?

RJ: *We all worry at times that our voices are not being heard. I think the answer is similar for all Americans, regardless of age or background. We need to be educated on the issues. And we shouldn't just accept what we hear in the media; we should critically consider what we hear and read. And of course, we should make sure to vote — and not just in presidential elections.*

S: Your political career was conceived out of a Tea

Party rally. Yet, you chose to not attend the first Tea Party Caucus in the United States Senate. Why?

RJ: *I sprang from the tea party and have a great deal of respect for what they represent, but I've decided not to join the Tea Party Caucus at this point in time. I want to put all my energy toward unifying the Republican Caucus, with cutting unnecessary spending as our top priority. And I'll add that I'm very encouraged that there is such unity on that right now.*

S: You voted to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. However, there are some areas in which you have stated you are in agreement with the law. Like, for example, insurance companies being unable to deny coverage for pre-existing conditions. Do you agree that college students should enjoy the freedom of staying on their parents plan until they are 26 years old? What other aspects of the bill do think should continue to be the law of the land if PPACA gets repealed?

RJ: *I think this is an area that Congress needs to look at much more closely – and we will. The reality is that any mandate, including guaranteed issue and coverage on parents' plans, will tend to push insurance rates upward. And so as we identify any provisions we might want to retain, we have to consider the effect on rates.*

One of the prime rationales for passing Obamacare was to lower health care costs going



Left to right: Senator Ron Johnson, Dr. Jerry Wickman, Dr. Randall Hulke and Dr. Jeffrey Anderson

forward. And the Congressional Budget Office reports that it will actually increase costs. Regardless of ideology, I think we all ought to be able to agree that we really haven't done anything to solve our current health care problems. We've likely made them worse.

S: The President of the United States recently visited the Orion Energy Systems factory, a renewable energy firm based in Manitowoc, WI, to highlight the kind of innovation that will reinforce the backbone of a sustainable United States. In the State of the Union Address, President Barack Obama set a goal for the United States to obtain 80 percent of its electricity from clean energy sources by 2035. Will you support him in this energy efficiency effort?

RJ: *I am all for more clean energy, but it must be able to compete and survive on its own in the marketplace. I'm pleased that the President is talking about clean coal and nuclear as part of the solution, but I think even more important is to expand the domestic energy supply generally. Our dependence on imported oil continues to grow, year by year. And as China and India develop economically, their demands for energy will increase, too. The United States needs to focus on energy self-reliance.*



Eric Thorson
Editor-in-Chief

February is a unique month. It has the least amount of days of any month, an extra day is added every leap year and the birthday of yours truly falls right in the middle of it all. Taking away from the luster of my day of birth is Valentine's Day, the much-maligned yet ever so important fourteenth day of the second month of every year.

It's a day when single men pretend to sit on their high horse and ridicule their brethren who are in relationships about how whipped they are by their girlfriends because they ask for one night without "Call of Duty" or "SportsCenter." In reality, most

Valentines Day: Don't let it make or break your mood

of those doing the heckling are just jealous because they're without female attention.

Single women make themselves out to be victims and the focus of sympathy to anyone who will listen. Jealousy rears its ugly head with every bouquet of flowers or box of chocolates that doesn't have their name on the delivery tag.

The single folks reflect on past heartbreaks or dwell on the fact that they have no one to spend the day with and turn to alcohol as a diversion, when that really just exacerbates the depression. Yeah, it sucks, but chances are another person will spark your interest and get you back into the game. This is a day just like any other; don't let it deviate your emotions too far away from the norm.

For guys who are involved in a relationship, the day is a burden that adds to all of the other stresses in life. Not every guy can live up to the standards presented to us in all of the terrible romantic comedies you've made us sit through, ladies. So, don't be surprised when you're not whisked away to Paris on the fourteenth. The fact that you have a guy who you haven't caught cheating yet should be enough of a win for you.

I've spent Valentine's Day in both situations, and I can honestly say I don't know which side I would rather be on. As a younger man, I always thought I would find my wife in college, but the

experiences I've had here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout have made me realize that most people in our age group aren't ready to settle down. I've heard enough X-rated stories in my days here to make me believe that marriage prospects around this campus are few and far between.

We live in a different era than our parents and grandparents. Men are as promiscuous as ever, but you ladies sure are giving them a run for their money. Yes, it's a double standard and it's unfair. I don't make the rules; that's just the way it is.

If you're one of the few who thinks you have found true love already, congratulations—I wish you the best. Make sure that background check on your significant other is as extensive as the ones conducted by the CIA.

The truth of the matter is that everybody just wants to be loved and start a family, eventually. For the time being, some loving will probably suffice this Valentine's Day.

If it's that important to you to spend the night with someone of the opposite sex, get after it, but just be safe about it. Both sexes are experiencing the same emotions on this day, so it is very likely that you can find a counterpart who is feeling the same way you are. Just remember that Feb. 14 is no different than any other day. Don't let it make or break your mood.

Valentine's Day Messages



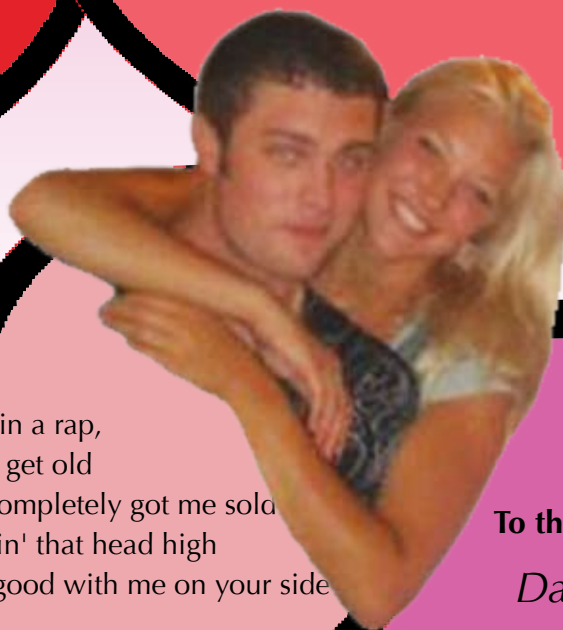
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Keep rockin' that body n' holdin' that head high
'Cause boy you lookin' pretty good with me on your side

**--With love always
Lavalava**

To the ladies that have always been there for me -

Dana, Hailee, Hilary, Lauryn, Marie

*"There are big ships and small ships,
But the best ships of all is friendship"*

Love, Rose

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Day, let's step into the hallway
and take off our shoes, hold
hands, and form a heart.

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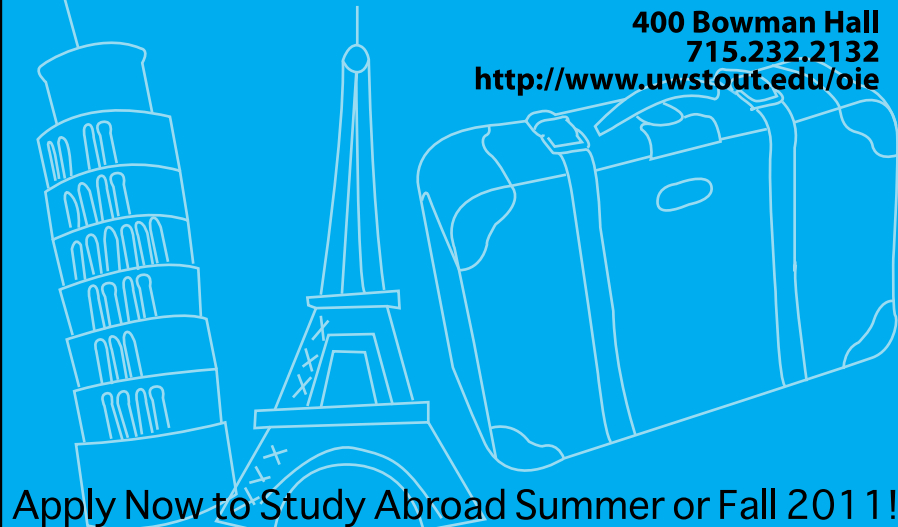
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The Raw Deal held the second annual Pardon Fashion Show. The show featured designers from around the area.

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UW-STOUT Alumni Finds New Direction in Uncertain Waters

Dustin Miyakawa
Contributing Writer

Anyone who thought 2008 University of Wisconsin-Stout graduate Chad Steve left for Hawaii simply to enjoy the sunshine and surf thought wrong. Although the 25-year-old artist-turned-surfer enjoys the Waikiki shorebreak, his days are most often spent exploring in the studio, and Hawaii's art community is beginning to recognize his efforts. His latest series, "New Beginnings," is currently featured in a month-long, solo exhibition at Ward Center Galleries, and in the 33rd Annual University of Hawaii Graduate Student Exhibition.

The graduate show features all 15 Masters of Fine Arts candidates at the University of Hawaii, each producing work in various mediums. Steve designed a series of three hand-built, stoneware vessels suspended in individual, wood A-frames.

"I chose to make a series to show my connection with people who travel similar paths," Steve said.

The vessels, modeled after the personal watercraft that carried Steve, his father and brother on childhood adventures in Wisconsin, represent the strong male figures in his life. They each cradle a mass of wheel-thrown porcelain fishing bobbers.

"People always have several lines in the water," Steve said. Each bobber represents an everyday challenge or interest like a relationship,

job or hobby.

The dynamic elements of Steve's sculpture, the A-frame and suspension lines, illustrate the interdependency between the men in his life and the women who nurture them.

"Both the boat and the structure rely on each other," Steve said. "The boat needs the frame for support; the structure needs the weight to hold it together."

As his fleet of vessels float across the gallery, Steve reflects on how his recent sculptural exploration relates to his journey at the University of Hawaii. "I'm experimenting though my work," Steve said.

"I spent so much of my undergrad throwing functional vessels, but now I'm breaking my own routines and trying to communicate in different ways." It is fitting to see Steve's brother and father accompanying him on his latest exploration into uncertain waters, just as they did back home.

But Steve has not abandoned his roots. "People in Hawaii respond to functional work," he said. "It's easily accessible; you don't have to have a lot of historical or conceptual background to understand it. Someone's going to pick it up, hold it, use it, wash it, see it every day when they drink their coffee."

Steve's Ward Center exhibition, titled "New Beginnings," features several sets of vessels, presenting a broad expression of his capabilities and interests. Once thrown and altered to his liking, Steve uses a strontium-fluxed crystalline base glaze with sprayed ash and colored modifiers to accent the formal elements of each piece. The meticulous attention to form and surface reflects his interest in the interaction of objects, people and function.

Steve has quickly garnered a following though these local exhibitions. "I'm stoked that people are interested," he said. Sometimes they even thank me for making work for them and that's way cooler than me thanking them for asking."

There will be no shortage of appreciation as Steve continues to establish himself as a rising talent in Hawaii's ceramic art community.



Dustin Miyakawa/Contributed Photo

WINTER FARMERS MARKET

Roseanne Meier
Staff Writer

The Menomonie Farmers Market will hold its next winter market Feb. 19 at the Menomonie United Methodist Church from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The winter market runs every third Saturday from November to April at a different local church each month. The second annual winter market has a variety of goods, including honey, organic beef, lamb, cow and goat milk cheeses, fresh ground peanut butter, homemade bread and bakery items, hand woven rugs, soaps and lotions, crafts and more.

"Vendors will be set up around the perimeter of the room," said Jessica Padellford, manager of the Menomonie Farmers Market from West CAP. "Customers walk around to the different vendor tables, similar to the way that the market is set up in the summer. Plus, there is free coffee."

How did the winter farmers market start?

"The winter market began last winter with a collaboration between West CAP and several area churches," said Padellford. "This year, West CAP has taken over the organization of the market entirely."

Randy Bauer has been a big hit at the market with his business, Five Loaves and Two Fish, selling a variety of breads. Bauer has seen success at the summer market with his popular foccacias and scones and plans to be present at most of the winter market days.

"What sets me apart [at the farmers market] is the foccacias," said Bauer. "It's a pretty simple white bread dough and the ingredients are the junk that goes on top."

Bauer's popular foccacias include Gorgonzola with caramelized onion and the pesto oseago with fresh basil and olive oil. Bauer expects to be making more whole grain breads at the winter market.

"Coming up with new recipes is where the spark is," Bauer said. "I don't know what I'm going to make until it's coming out of the oven."

Bauer's first influence on his decision to bake came from his mother.

"I grew up knowing what good bread was supposed to taste like," Bauer said. "I learned the concept from my mom. She made bread from scratch."

With the help of his wife and three sons, Bauer operates Five Loaves and Two Fish from a kitchen that he built 10 years ago. The kitchen resides at his ranch-style house in Elk Mound, Wis. in his one-car attached garage. Bauer treated the ceilings and walls and installed commercial sinks, stoves and convection ovens.

Bauer isn't the only attraction at the market.

"All the products we have at the winter market are interesting," said Padellford. "The vendors work very hard to provide

their customers with quality products. I would say our most original products are the fresh ground peanut butter that the vendor makes right in front of you and Big Donkey pizza, which is micro batch frozen pizza made in Eau Claire."

Vendors need to meet certain requirements to sell at the market, partly because of the local food movement.

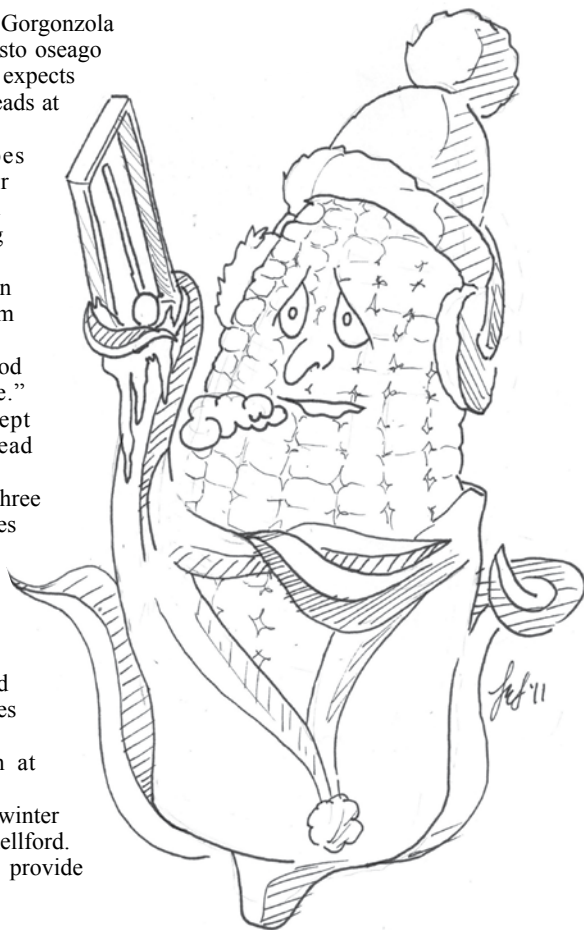
"Anyone who makes or grows a product within 30 miles from the center of Menomonie can apply to sell at the market," said Padellford.

The goal of the local food movement is to enhance the quality of life and economic level of the Menomonie area residents. Approximately 90 percent of the vendors don't sell their product anywhere else and rely heavily on the market for their income.

The Menomonie Farmers Market continues to run during the summer months every Wednesday and Saturday at the Dunn County Fair Grounds. Approximately 30 vendors sell goods at the market during the summer months, including seasonal items such as fresh vegetables and apples.

The summer market was ranked as Wisconsin's third favorite farmers market in 2010. Each year, the American Farmland Trust sponsors the America's Favorite Farmers Market Contest. The Menomonie Farmers Market is popular because of its high number of vendors and friendly atmosphere.

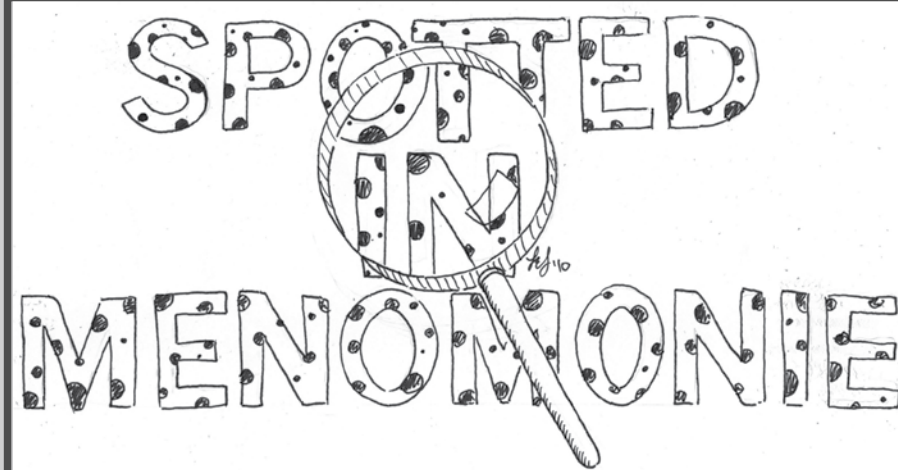
You can learn more about the Menomonie Farmers Market by visiting its Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com#!/pages/Menomonie-WI/Menomonie-Farmers-Market/132792951987>.



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Menomonie Winter Farmers Market
United Methodist Church
Saturday, February 19, 2011
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Andrew Vogl/Stoutonia

During the renovation of the Harvey Hall Theater, construction workers found a piece of history tucked into the walls of the attic - a shred of newspaper dating back to 1916. The fragment is from the Minneapolis Tribune and contains stories about an upcoming lecture, the formation of worker's unions and a car advertisement, which is labeled as, "The World's Greatest Motor Car Value."

ON A QUEST FOR GAMES?

Sam Homan
Staff Writer

Are you interested in classic card games or role-playing games? Is console gaming your method of choice? If you answered yes to either of those questions, stop by Game Quest USA.

Game Quest opened Sept. 2, 1997 in the downtown Menomonie area and is owned and operated by Layne and Kimberly Lovett and their three children.

In order to clear up confusion, GameStop has replaced Game Quest by location; however, the local store is still in business. Its new location is right across from Taco Bell at 1400 N. Broadway St. If you are driving north from campus, Game Quest USA will be on the right hand side next to Check'N'Go.

The store is new and improved. The main retail space is smaller, but there are three rooms in the back for the customers to play games. Game Quest buys, sells and trades various types of gaming materials and carries all of the video games that it did in its former location. it carries the following systems: PS2, PS3, XBOX, XBOX 360, Game Cube, Nintendo DS and the Nintendo Wii. For all of you retro gamers, Game Quest also stocks Atari, Gameboy, Game Gear, the original NES, the super NES, Sega Genesis,



Sega Dreamcast, Nintendo 64 and many more.

If you think this is exciting, it gets even better. Game Quest offers an annual membership for only \$9.99, and members may receive 10 percent off of all pre-owned games and magic supplies. Speaking of magic, Game Quest hosts Magic the Gathering events every Friday night. Check with the store for details on events.

Got a problem with your game or console? Game Quest offers repair service. For example, if you have a scratched game or movie, it can be fixed while you wait. The ugly circle on an XBOX 360 disc can be fixed also.

Game Quest USA is currently open seven days a week. Its hours are 11 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 12:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. on Sundays. Check them out on Facebook or online at gamequestusa.com or stop on by.



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United Methodist Church
Saturday, Feb. 19
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Faculty Art and De-
sign Exhibition
Feb. 17-April 1 in the Fur-
long Gallery
Monday - Friday: 10 a.m. - 6
p.m. Saturday: Noon - 4:30 p.m.
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THE TRIBE & BIG CATS!



Andrew Vogl/Stoutonia

Twin City hip-hoppers The Tribe & Big Cats! brought the house down at yet another new venue for Blue Devil Productions - the Sunken Lounge at Price Commons.



Andrew Vogl/Stoutonia

UW-STOUT PROFESSOR SHOWCASES 3-D ART

Roseanne Meier
Staff Writer

David Tank's "Wisconsin Wildflowers in 3-D" stereoscopic display will be in the upstairs gallery of the Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily from Feb. 8 to March 18.

"I encourage people of all ages to come and see David's exhibit," said General Manager of the Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts, Vickie Ekblad.

Many pieces of work in the gallery feature photos from Tank's book, "Wisconsin Wildflowers in 3-D," which showcases a variety of Wisconsin wildflowers. Other photos in the collection display animals, the Cobban Bridge north of Chippewa Falls, the Chippewa bike trail and a photo from south Menomonie of Caddie Woodlawn's home.

"Everything is taken in Wisconsin except for one in Ohio," said Tank.

The dedication of the project is seen upon entering the upstairs gallery that nestles Tank's art. Photos have been moved around and carefully placed until Tank feels that the gallery is a welcoming and fun place to view photos.

Tank's works of art are all found in "frames from secondhand stores and garage sales," said Tank.

A lot of time and thought was put into which frame would complement each picture. One of Tank's favorite frame and picture combinations is his photo of the Sue Orfield Band concert in Eau Claire.

"A contemporary photo in an old frame; it's incongruous," said Tank. Tank's only photo in the gallery of people will hold your gaze.

Tank's photo that receives the most compliments is one of a turtle on pebbles. It's easy to understand why; the turtle seems to come to life.

"A lot of people like the turtle," said Tank. "I got him in one shot and then he tucked his head inside his shell."

Tank's "Wisconsin Wildflowers in 3-D" explains how his passion for 3-D art and creation of the book began.

"I've been doing stereo photography for 20 years, working with old viewers, and just a year ago I learned digital," said Tank.

With the revolution of digital 3-D imagery came the ability to work more efficiently creating quality images that are fun to look at.

"I took 14,000 photos last summer for ["Wisconsin Wildflowers in 3D"]," said Tank.

With the new technology it is easier to pick out which pictures look good. "Some pictures look good flat but not when turned into 3-D," said Tank.

Digital technology makes the 3-D process faster so that an artist doesn't spend a lot of time on an image that does not look good when converted.

"More clutter looks better, when referring to converting flat images to 3-D," said Tank.

Tank is currently working on his next book, which is geared toward middle school children and explains the history of 3-D photography. Tank explains that 3-D photography goes back to 1838 when photography first got its start.

"I am always happy to talk to people about 3-D photography," said Tank.

The artist reception will be held just before the performance of "The Music" at the Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

To learn more about David Tank or to reserve a space for an exhibit, visit <http://www.mabeltaintercenterforthearts.org>.



Andrew Vogl/Stoutonia

The Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts is not only a place for performances and displaying art – it also invites Menomonie residents to relax and eat lunch in the public room downstairs.

"The public room is set up for studying or study groups, watching TV, socializing with friends, eating and wireless internet access. We have a big screen TV, comfortable leather couches and chairs or cocktail rounds with chairs if you prefer

sitting at a table," said Vickie Ekblad.

Ekblad also would like to let the community know that volunteer opportunities are available at the center and always appreciated.

"We have volunteer opportunities also. Ushering shows and working special events are the most popular. Stop in or give us a call if you are interested," said Ekblad.



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David Tank examines a 3-D print

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Fourth Annual Pond Hockey Tournament

Lauryn Seering
Sports Editor

Going outside this time of year is not a priority for many University of Wisconsin-Stout students and the recent weather conditions have not added any incentives. Despite this, the fourth annual Pond Hockey Tournament held on Feb. 5, 2011 had a large turnout. The temperature reached a toasty 28 degrees with hundreds of spectators on the ice of Lake Menomin. The tournament started at 8 a.m. and did not conclude until just after dark that evening.

"The event has been growing every year," said Nate Hildebrant, a sixth-year senior volunteer who helped organize the setup. "We had about 12 teams last year, but this year we had around 80 players with 16 teams. There were a lot of spectators showing up with their snowmobiles; they had a track around us and were rallying."

The event, which is held on the lake behind The Waterfront Bar and Grill, has had a lot of support from the UW-Stout community. The majority of people who play in the tournament are Stout students, which is understandable given the enthusiasm for hockey at UW-Stout. Spectators

hailed from as far away as Madison, Wis. and central Minnesota.

The Waterfront provides concessions and hosts a 50/50 raffle every year for the event. The event boasts a \$300 first place prize, \$100 for second and \$50 for third. There is a small entry fee that covers the creation of the rinks as well as other small expenses like plow rental.

The UW-Stout Water Ski team started the tournament in 2008 to raise money for its boat maintenance costs, but, this year, The Waterfront took the reigns. The tournament had grown too large for the small team to take on all responsibilities, although members still help out.

"I started putting in legwork for the tournament back in November," said Hildebrant. "We had to get ads set up and dates written down. I went to Eau Claire to put up posters, but the majority of attendees are always from campus or college students from other areas."

"The real crunch time for me is the last two weeks. We have to get the rinks plowed, flood them over and over and chip away at the ice. Weather is the biggest setback, and this year it snowed for two days before the tournament. Something like that cuts into the times

we wanted to flood the rinks, and we have to get another plow."

The double-elimination tournaments had four-person teams with one substitute. The event followed U.S. Pond Hockey regulations. Hockey at this level can be extremely competitive.

"The initial eight games are just weeding out the people who aren't serious," said Hildebrant. "Some teams call it early, like when a game is 16-1 and you know that team will be done."

"The final game came down as a double entry. That means that the team coming from the losers bracket has to win twice. The finals were very competitive and both teams displayed amazing skills. The championships had two games and they had sudden death overtime. It is really good hockey."

This year, the first place went to the Thunder Down Under team, whose captain's name is Dino Beaton. The second place went to the Tahdow team and the third went to the Scorgasms.

"This was awesome," said spectator Alex Rome, a 2010 Alumni who attended the event. "I don't really even like watching hockey, but I've had a blast here!"



The tournament grows in size each year- this year 16 teams, next year who knows.

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A transitional period for the hockey team

Andrew Liddell
Staff Writer

When it comes to experience coaching men's hockey at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, head coach Terry Watkins has had plenty of it. All together he has been the head coach at UW-Stout for over 20 years.

Students, however, come and go. The Blue Devils are carrying on without players such as Joel Gaulrapp, the player of the year during the 2009-10 seasons, and two of their all-time



Brock Molmer / Contributed Photo
Kevin O'Donnell plays the puck along the board.

highest scorers, Derek Hanson and Scott Motz.

"We lost a lot of good guys last year," Watkins says. "We're in a transitional period. We have new guys coming in and seniors going out."

The Blue Devils, however, are chugging along.. So far, the season has been going very

well, considering the level of experience of the relatively new team.

Of the 27 players on the team this season, 13 of them have either been traded or just started. This means that almost half of the team consists of new players. But, make no mistake about it—these players definitely know what they are doing when it comes to moving the puck around.

"A freshman in this league is at least 20 years old," Watkins says. "A senior in this league is probably 24 or 25 years old, so these new guys might not be wet behind the ears, but they might not be as mature as older players."

So far, the team has gone 13-10 this season and, while the consistency may not be where the team would like it, Watkins says it is a pretty natural occurrence.

"If you're a veteran team, you usually are more consistent. If you're a younger team, like us, it might be a little inconsistent," Watkins said.

A few players are already starting to show potential, such as sophomore Tom Lescovich. Lescovich is one of three goalies along with sophomore Nick Hopper and junior Mike Morgan. This season, Lescovich has been leading the league in shutouts and is ranked number two in save percentage. During the latest shutout against the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Lescovich proved himself a valuable asset when he stopped 48 shots during the game.

"He's a good kid and he works his tail off,"

Watkins said.

With the new team we can expect to see some very good performances, but the real potential will come out as they keep working together. So far this season, the team has not taken as many shots as it has in the past, but it has been scoring more often, leading to a higher scoring percentage.

The next hockey games for the Blue Devils

will be at home in the Dunn County Recreation Center on Friday, Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 12 at 4 p.m.

Watkins says these games will be the biggest of the year, pointing out that all the teams are within a win and a half of one another. If the Blue Devils are able to pull out a win on Friday, they will lock down third place in their league.



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The Blue Devils will close out its regular season this weekend.

DeLara named "Athlete of the Week"

Morgan Pfaller
Staff Writer

Naomi DeLara, a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Stout from Kahului, Hawaii, located on the island of Maui, was named Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC), athlete of the week after winning three first place finishes during the gymnastics meet at UW-Stout on Feb. 1, 2011.

At the Blue Devils' dual-meet with the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater on Jan. 29, DeLara tied for first on the balance beam (9.125), on the vault (9.425) and won the floor exercise (9.575).

For DeLara, a three-time All-American Athlete, this was the second time during the 2010-11 season she has been selected as a WIAC gymnast of the week; it was the seventh time in her career. "I started gymnastics when I was three at a club in Maui," said DeLara. "My sister was in the same sport at the time, and I was basically a gym brat that would copy my older sister. I looked up to my sister as a gymnast and wanted to be just like her."

Although DeLara progressed as a natural athlete, an injury during her sophomore year



in high school temporarily sidelined her. A bone in her wrist collapsed due to overuse from gymnastics. The professional solution to heal her injury was to undergo surgery, but the doctors informed her that she would never be able to do gymnastics again.

"I couldn't even walk into a gym without being so frustrated and mad at myself for not being able to flip or do any of it," said DeLara. The injury connected DeLara with UW-Stout Gymnastics Head Coach Becky Beaulieu. Ironically, Beaulieu had coached DeLara a few

years earlier when they both lived in Hawaii. Once Beaulieu learned of DeLara's injury, Beaulieu informed DeLara and her mother about the gymnastics program at UW-Stout.

DeLara thought hard about whether to continue with gymnastics or not. She had the opportunity to work with a coach who knew of her past, as well as her strengths and weaknesses as an athlete. This connection with Beaulieu encouraged DeLara to attend UW-Stout. DeLara is currently a technical communication major with a minor in business.

During the off-season, DeLara still makes time to practice. "Gymnastics is year round," DeLara says. "Without practicing most girls lose their skills and conditioning. It's recommended that we practice on our own, so I swim and run to stay in shape."

Some of DeLara's best memories include her experiences in gymnastics. "My favorite memory would have to be the first meet I competed in here at UW-Stout," said DeLara. "The rush and nerves followed by the excitement along with the feeling of the powdered chalk on my hands. After my injury, I never thought

I would have that feeling again. I appreciated every moment."

"Honestly, I love every minute of college gymnastics," says DeLara. "When it really comes down to it all, I love the sport and I love my teammates and coaches. I try to remember to thank my coach every day because, if it weren't for her, I wouldn't be here and I wouldn't have had this opportunity."

Naomi DeLara will compete in the John Zuerlein Invitational on Friday, Feb. 11 and again on Sunday, Feb. 13 at the University of Iowa.



Track and field: Bound for conference

Jodi Larson
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout track and field team traveled to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on Saturday, Feb. 5. The team performed well as a whole, with many personal bests.

Notable performances included Daniel Drewek in men's polevault. Drewek placed first with a vault of 16.8 feet, which qualified for indoor nationals. Leah Hauck claimed the top spot in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10.54 minutes. Lastly, Sam Flood posted a provisional national qualifying mark of 6.47 seconds in the preliminary round of the 55-meter dash but finished third in the finals with a time of 6.55 seconds.

The team so far this season has made many provisional or automatic qualifying marks. In the past few years, UW-Stout has sent five to six athletes to the national NCAA meet every year.

Nationals bring together the best Division III athletes from across the country. Daniel Drewek has been going to the National Division III meet every season that he has competed for UW-Stout. In 2009, he had his best year at outdoor nationals

placing second in the polevault with a height of 16.8 feet and third in the 4x100-meter relay. This subsequently earned Drewek All-American status in two events.

"Nationals is a lot different than any other meet because everyone has about the same athletic ability and it all depends who's having the best day," Drewek said of his experience at Nationals.

"You are a lot more nervous and it's a lot harder to concentrate because there's so much riding on your performance. Competition is very stiff and it is about being confident in yourself and your performance. I did what I had been doing all season and that got me a place on the podium."

Drewek has had high marks at all of his meets for this reason. This past meet at UW-Stevens Point automatically qualified him for indoor nationals. Drewek is coming off of a quadricep injury, which forced him to take last year's outdoor season off. "My leg feels good now, I'm still trying to strengthen it and I feel back to the way I should be vaulting," he said. "For the most part, I don't think it's holding me back."

In the meet prior to the UW-Stevens Point Open, UW-Stout hosted the Warren Bowlus meet on Jan. 29. The top performers of this meet were:

Daniel Drewek placing first in the polevault with a height of 15.7 feet, the 4x400-meter relay team (Matt Klopatek, Sam Flood, Kelvin Johnson and Ethan Baumann) placing second with a time of 3.27 minutes. Emily Stenzel achieved a personal best time of 5.19 minutes in the mile with a second place finish.

"It was a fun race, in general everyone ran well that day," senior Emily Stenzel said of her mile run at the Warren Bowlus meet. "Since it's a longer race, it helps to break the race down into smaller segments so that you don't mentally beat yourself up. We try to run in groups or packs. Taking turns leading helps pace yourself."

This season, the women's distance crew hopes to get two girls qualifying for conference in each event, starting with the 800-meter on up. "We want some individual medalists on the podium for conference," said Stenzel. "We have options for this year and I can see it happening in a couple different ways."

The team will compete at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls on Feb. 12. Their next home meet will be on Feb. 25-26.

What 2 Watch 4

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- **February 11:**
Men's hockey will travel to UW-Stevens Point, 7:30 p.m.
Women's gymnastics will host an invite at home, 6 p.m.
- **February 12:**
Men's basketball will travel to UW-Platteville, 4 p.m.
Women's basketball will play UW-Platteville at 6 p.m.
Men's hockey will travel to St. Norbert College at 6 p.m.
- **February 13:**
Men's and women's track and field will compete at the UW-River Falls Open.
- **February 15:**
Men's basketball will travel to Crown College, 7 p.m.
- **February 18:**
Men's hockey will compete at the NCHA Quarterfinals.
- **February 19:**
Women's basketball will travel to UW-Eau Claire at 5 p.m.
- **February 20:**
Men's and women's track and field will compete at the Eastbay/Pointers Open.
- **February 22:**
Women's basketball will compete at the WIAC Quarterfinals.
- **February 25:**
Women's gymnastics will travel to Boise State University, 7 p.m.
- **February 26:**
Men's and women's track and field will compete at the WIAC Indoor Championships.

Basketball team struggles through mid-season slump

Morgan Pfaller
Staff Writer

On Feb. 5, the University of Wisconsin-Stout men's basketball team faced the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Titans on the court in the Johnson Fieldhouse. The game featured 50 total personal fouls which allowed the Titans to take advantage at the free throw line and defeat UW-Stout, 72-65.

At halftime, the Blue Devils led by three

points, 36-33, and quickly jumped out into a six point lead two minutes into the second half. The Titans caught up and managed to steal the lead with an 8-point spurt. UW-Stout did manage to score five points with about a minute left in the game and also made five of six free throws down the stretch.

John Flanigan scored 24 points for the Titans leading all players. Jerrod Buchholtz, a senior from Durand, Wis., finished with 22 points for the Blue Devils. Buchholtz scored 14 points



Senior Jerod Buchholtz with a defender in his grill.

in the first half, including two 3-pointers in the first two minutes of the game. Eric Hostetter, a senior from Stillwater, Minn., added 14 points and Erik Olson, a sophomore from Buffalo, Minn., contributed 11 points.

On Feb. 2, the Blue Devils traveled to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. The 10th ranked Pointers took a 101-50 win over UW-Stout last Wednesday. The game was close for the first four minutes of the contest with the Pointers holding an 8-7 lead when they broke off on a 37-4 run over the next 10 minutes to take a 44-11 lead. The Blue Devils were unable to score for a seven minute stretch.

The Pointers had five players in double figures, managing to build a 40-point lead 30 seconds into the second half and keep the lead throughout the rest of the game. UW-Stout had one player, Alex Oman, a freshman from Lake Elmo, Minn., who scored 13 points. Steve Pax, a freshman from Elmwood, added another eight points.

Stout will host UW-Platteville Saturday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m.



Freshman Steve Pax rises to the rim in front of two on-looking defenders.

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Gymnastics

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's gymnastic team has enjoyed a good season. Senior Naomi DeLara from Kahului, Hawaii won three first-place finishes recently. Jenna Lensing set a personal best on the uneven bars with a mark of 9.25. After finishing the fourth consecutive, the team raised its score- third of five teams to do so at the 30th Annual Gershon/McLellan Invitational.

Next game: On Friday, Feb. 11, the team will be hosting an invite. Olympic gymnast Chellsie Memmel will attend to sign autographs throughout the meet. The event starts at 6 p.m.



Blue Devil Hockey

On Friday, Feb. 4, the University of Wisconsin-Stout played against the University of River-Falls at the Hunt Arena. The Blue Devils jumped out to take a 2-0 lead in the first period, but the Falcons scored four unanswered goals to take a 4-2 lead. Kevin O'Donnell scored within the first two minutes and then added a second goal with less than two minutes on the clock. Many players went into the penalty box that night, and UW-Stout played nearly the final three minutes of the game with one man or two men short. UW-Stout will close out its regular season with a pair of home games.

Next game: The Blue Devils will host the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on Friday Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. and against St. Norbert College on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 4 p.m.



Women's Basketball

On Friday, Feb. 5, the University of Wisconsin-Stout women's basketball team was victorious against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, 58-50. Sami Schroeder scored eight points in the final six minutes, completing a second-half comeback. The Blue Devils had trailed by 12 before halftime, but afterward they tightened their defense considerably. Schroeder was the key to the comeback as she recorded 19 points on 4-for-5 shooting. Amanda Daleiden converted a key three-point play in the last two minutes of the game.

Next game: UW-Stout will be at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville on Saturday Jan. 12 in a key conference matchup.

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7:30 p.m.

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11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Hockey vs St. Norbert College
Dunn County Recreation Center
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7 p.m.

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Men's Basketball vs UW-Eau Claire
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Women's Basketball vs UW-Eau Claire
Johnson Fieldhouse
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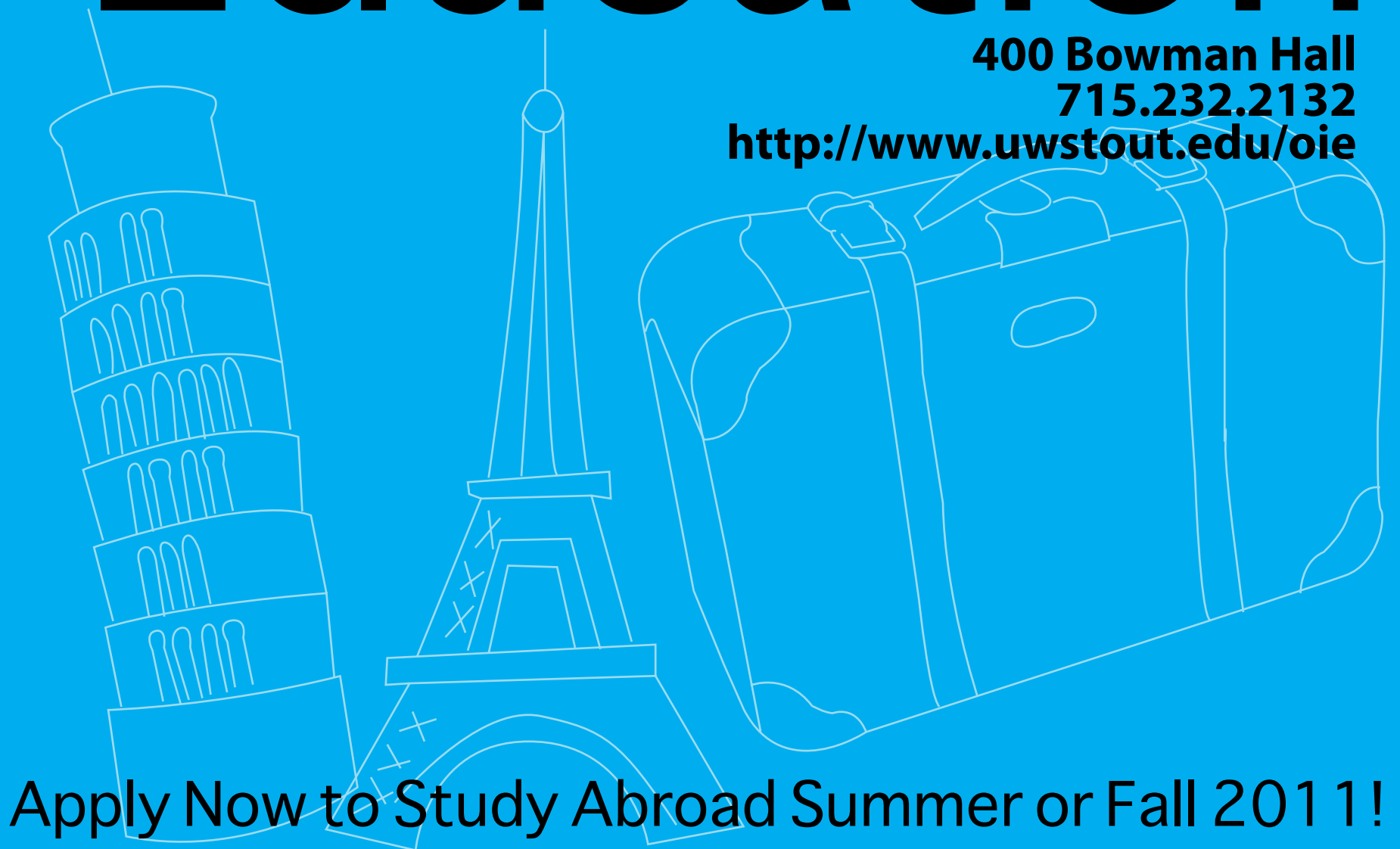
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Cover by **Michael Grevas**

Our covers have been capturing the beauty of the UW-Stout campus, this cover is no exception. The newly renovated Jarvis Hall is quite the sight. If you spend all of your time in Harvey Hall make sure to get down there and read a Stoutonia in the spacious lobby.



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The Biggest Loser: UW-Stout style

The healthy way of losing weight

Tiffany Willits
Staff Writer

Take a stroll through the Johnson Field House and you will find athletes, students and faculty doing some type of workout, whether it be running on the treadmill, playing basketball, jumping rope, lifting weights or taking a workout class.

The overall goal of increased fitness at the University of Wisconsin-Stout has risen recently with the addition of the North Point Fitness Center, which allows students and faculty members to workout on North Campus. UW-Stout has always offered personal training, strength competitions, clinics and events, and this year is no exception.

UW-Stout is proud to present its second year of The Biggest Loser: Stout Style after it was received very well last year.

"I do believe the program is all about educating students and staff about the right way of losing weight," said Fitness Center & Aquatics Coordinator Anoop Balachandran. "It ties very well with our mission statement to motivate and educate students about an active and healthy lifestyle."

The Biggest Loser: Stout Style focuses

on participants' percentage of body fat loss, strength increased from chest presses, rows and leg presses and the increase in flexibility from using the "sit and reach" device. The program is available at both North Point Fitness Center and the Health & Fitness Center.

TV Show vs. Reality

"Anyone with a bit of discipline can lose a lot of weight in a few weeks, but the problem arises in how to maintain the lost weight," said Balachandran. "A good example comes from a majority of the competitors in the TV show 'The Biggest Loser' that end up gaining most of their weight back."

"One proven way to maintain the weight loss is to make sure you don't lose a lot of muscle when you lose weight. The best ways to keep muscle on a diet is to strength train and to not lose more than one to two pounds a week. By giving points for fat loss and strength gains, we make sure people will be more patient and not lose a lot of muscle. If they lose a lot of weight in a few weeks, their strength will go down and their scores will come down too," said Balachandran.

Registration

The deadline for The Biggest Loser: Stout Style is fast approaching. All teams need to be

registered by Sunday, Feb. 27. Student costs are \$30 per team or \$15 per person. Faculty and staff can register for \$40 per team or \$20 per person.

Participants

Participants receive a one-and-a-half hour personal training session per team, a 90-minute nutrition and program information presentation on Feb. 28 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Sports and Fitness Center, a personal workout routine, a handout offering nutrition tips and a flexibility program.

"Each trainer will be conducting pre-testing and post-testing for the teams," said Balachandran. "They will also help the contestants make an individualized training routine, run them through the routine and answer any questions they might have during the program."

"We will also emphasize healthy eating by following the nutritional pyramid," said Balachandran. "We want to send a message that

you can eat less but still eat healthy. We have also added a flexibility component to make it a well-rounded program."

Winners

While prizes are not the main reason students and staff choose to participate in the fitness program, the winning team will receive the following:

- A five-session Personal Trainer Package (worth \$55) for each individual team member
- A free Resting Metabolic Rate reading (worth \$15) using the new

Metabolic Analyzer, which accurately displays the amount of calories needed per day for each participant.

"If the staff and students can learn why it is important to focus on behavioral changes, why it is important to focus on fat loss rather than weight loss and how to eat healthy, the program is a big success," said Balachandran.

Center for Applied Ethics

Eric Thorson
Editor-in-chief

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Center for Applied Ethics (CAE) was formed in 2007 as a result of an anonymous donation by a UW-Stout alumni couple concerned about ethics in modern society. Many on campus are still unaware of the Center and its mission, and as of this semester, Dr. Elizabeth Buchanan has been appointed as endowed chair and director of the center to help integrate it into the UW-Stout community.

"The donor hopes that every student that comes through UW-Stout has exposure to ethics regardless of discipline or program," said Buchanan.

Dr. Tim Shiell laid the groundwork for the center, working with different colleges on campus to infuse ethics into various programs prior to Buchanan's appointment. Dr. Shiell remains as associate director. Buchanan brings with her a high level of experience to campus; she served as the director for the center for information policy research and an associate professor at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and spent time across the pond teaching in Austria and as a research fellow at the University of Oxford in England.

Applied ethics can be incorporated into any classroom setting from using an ethical framework to talk about critical writing, to ethics in property management or ethics in interior design business; these are three examples of recent CAE-grant-supported projects that infused ethics into course curricula. These types of real-life scenarios allow students and faculty to engage with ethics in new and applicable ways. There are many ways that ethics are front and center in the workplace, includ-

ing intercultural ethics, interpersonal ethics, as well as ethical behavior in online venues such as Facebook.

"My goal is to promote the idea that when people think of Stout, they not only know our students have a great applied education, but they have an added layer of ethics," said Buchanan.

Having an endowed chair in the field of ethics is very unique at a polytechnic university. This opens many opportunities for the CAE to get directly involved with the community and students.

"I like the applied nature of Stout; I like the community, and it has a strong value system which is important to me," said Buchanan. While the CAE was not involved in the recent Campus Climate Survey that was available online this past month, Buchanan agrees on the importance of a healthy campus climate as the basis for all successful education and research. Gauging the climate around campus is an important process for UW-Stout.

The fact that Buchanan isn't in a teaching role allows her to focus more time directly working with students and faculty. She has only good things to say about her experience thus far at UW-Stout.

"So far, it has been amazingly positive," said Buchanan. "Campus has been very supportive, which will enable us to promote ethics education that will only benefit students and education."

The Center for Applied Ethics office can be found in room 430A of the Robert S. Swanson Learning Center. You can follow the CAE on Twitter at Stout_ethics or contact Buchanan at buchanane@uwstout.edu

More information about the center is available online through the UW-Stout homepage.

The Biggest Loser: UW-Stout style

Who: UW-Stout students and staff

What: Health competition

Why: To learn how to sustain a healthy lifestyle

Where: Sports and Fitness Center

When: Registration deadline is Sunday, Feb. 27.

Price: Students: \$30 per team or \$15 per person.

Faculty and staff: \$40 per team or \$20 per person



Each participant receives a one-and-a-half hour personal training session in the sports and fitness center.

Tiffany Willits Stoutonia

Oxfam Hunger Banquet

Rachael Lundeen
Staff Writer

The Oxfam Hunger Banquet is taking place on Thursday, March 3 at 3 p.m. in Applied Arts 210. The event is being hosted by the HT-447 international convention and meeting management class. The purpose of the event is to help alleviate world hunger.

Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased on the fourth floor lounge of Heritage Hall on Tuesday, March 1 and Thursday, March 3 from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. The event will feature numerous speakers, activities and a food game to show students the effects of hunger.

"This event is really beneficial because it is raising awareness to Stout of what is going on with world hunger and how it affects people," said University of Wisconsin-Stout senior Molly Holm, who is on the marketing committee of the event. "It is so important because it is giving students a new perspective to what is going on around the world and how they can become involved in helping the people who are suffering from hunger."

The informational event will provide insight to what Oxfam is all about. It will include pizza donated by Ted's Pizza in Menomonie. Four speakers will give presentations about what Oxfam does, who they help and why they exist. The event will also have a raffle, each ticket costing \$1. The winner will be announced during the event and receive a package prize.

The hospitality international convention and meeting management class has been planning this event since the beginning of the semester.

"We have been marketing to all of campus and different parts of Menomonie," said Holm. "Some of the students have been giving presentations to classes to try and generate interest and better promote the banquet."

"My favorite part about this event is just knowing that people will learn a great deal from it and are given the opportunity to help people in need in such an easy way," said Cat Bly, a senior in the hospitality program. "Our goal is to raise \$1,500 to buy a school for the children affected. We will then send the money to Oxfam to build the school wherever it is needed most. The latest contributions have been going toward victims of the Haiti earthquakes, as well as people affected by Hurricane Katrina. It generally goes toward starving countries or locations where natural disasters have recently occurred."

There are many fun ways to help out in support of this cause. The students putting on this event strongly encourage participation and hope to see a good turn out.

If you want to help but cannot attend, students are encouraged to make a donation. For more information, contact Katie Ogaard at ogaardk@my.uwstout.edu.

You can also visit OxfamAmerica.org to see more information about the event. Or, check out the Facebook page "UW-Stout Oxfam Hunger Banquet."



Oxfam Hunger Banquet

Who: Anyone

What: Hunger awareness banquet

Why: To raise money for communities in need

Where: Applied Arts 210

When: Thursday, March 3 at 3 p.m.

Price: \$5 per person

Correction from last issue

We previously indicated that the Harvey Hall Theater renovation cost \$56 million when in fact it actually cost \$5.6 million. We apologize for the misprint.

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BRANCHING NEWS

Passport to Fashion: The Niche fashion show

Rachael Lundeen
Staff Writer

At noon on Wednesday, March 2, The Niche will be hosting its annual spring fashion show, "Passport to Fashion" to showcase its new merchandise and products. "Passport to Fashion" was inspired by styles from popular spring break destinations such as New York, Las Vegas and Miami.

The Niche is a boutique store on campus run by the retail practicum class students. It is located in Heritage Hall on the second floor. The student store sells everything from clothing to jewelry and fun knickknacks. Also available is the cheapest soda on campus, along with other various snacks. It is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

"Some of the new items being shown [in the show] include rain boots, umbrellas, beach

wear and trendy casual pieces," said senior retail student Lindsey McInnis.

Retail practicum class is hosting this as an annual event to display the new merchandise as well as showing students what they have to offer and create awareness of The Niche," said Elizabeth Mendoza, a volunteer working with the store.

"This is fun because it gives students a reason to become involved with the school and see lots of fun, new fashions that we have to offer," said senior Bailey Vento. "There is a DJ for the event as well as free food following the show. It is a great opportunity for interested students to see what we do."

Check out the latest spring fashions and get treated to special discounts and refreshments at The Niche fashion show, "Passport to Fashion." Sign up for VIP status to receive front row seats, coupons and a gift bag.

The Niche Presents...

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UW-Stout rallies against Gov. Walker's bill

Jerad Maplethorpe
News Editor

On Wednesday, Feb. 16, the University of Wisconsin-Stout student chapter of the Wisconsin State Education Association hosted a rally outside of the UW-Stout University Library in opposition of Gov. Walker's proposed "Budget Repair Bill." Coaxed by the unseasonably warm weather and a passion that permeated through the air, UW-Stout students and staff members, along with other adamant protestors, gathered together to send a unified message to Gov. Walker: "Kill this bill." The event went on from noon until 3 p.m. and sustained an average of 60 participants.

"The majority of the people who attended our rally were education majors and professors, but a large amount of non-education majors attended," said State President of the Student Program of WEAC Erik Collins. "My wife, Kayla Collins, Larissa Rittenberry and I organized the rally because not a lot of our members could attend the massive rallies in Madison, but we wanted to make sure that our school and our members' voices were heard."

"The budget bill directly, negatively affects teachers because it would drastically change our pension rates and health insurance," said Collins. "Also, all teachers in Wisconsin are part of a union that makes sure that our rights are maintained and that

we are treated fairly."

The next day, Feb. 17, another rally known as the "UW-Stout Walk Out," as indicated by the Facebook event, was held in the same location. Hundreds of UW-Stout faculty, staff and students turned out to express their disapproval of Gov. Walker's bill. The crowd burst into applause whenever vehicles drove by with drivers honking their horns in support of the rally.

On Friday, Feb. 18, protestors stood outside of the library again. Professors took turns standing atop a pillar vocalizing their concerns about Walker's bill. Due to the cold weather, however, Friday's rally only drew about 30 participants.

"My major concern with the bill is not about its negative consequences for me or my

family, or the devastating effects it will have on UW-Stout or even the UW-System," said UW-Stout professor Timothy Shiell. "My major concern is that the bill is not about balancing the '09 - '11 or future budgets but is a political vendetta against groups that historically have tended to oppose Republicans, in general, and Walker, in particular."

"America's middle class grew with the rise of private and public unions, and since they began to go on the decline in the Ronald Reagan era of union-busting, the middle class has been stuck in neutral: no real growth in income in 25 years, while the income of the top one percent continues to grow by leaps and bounds," said Shiell.

Impact Forum Budget Repair Bill

Jerad Maplethorpe
News Editor

On Tuesday, Feb. 22, a forum was held in Applied Arts 210 to discuss the potential impact of Gov. Walker's proposed "Budget Repair Bill." The event was free and open to the public. In attendance were students, professors and local Menomonie residents.

Forum Moderator:

Jeremy Gragert

Panelists:

Bob Salt – New Chair of the Dunn County Democratic Party
Marv Prestrud – New Chair of the Dunn County Republican Party
Lakayana Drury – President of the Black Student Union

Jim Handley – Faculty Member of the Social Science Department

To begin the forum, UW-Stout Director of Communications Doug Mell presented some background information to the audience. He did not go into details, though, stating that if people had not been aware of the seriousness of the bill, they would not be in attendance anyway.

"There is a lot of tension and anxiety about

this issue, which we can't make go away, but we can help people stay informed," said Mell.

Mell cited <http://www.uwstout.edu/state-budget/index.cfm> as a useful tool for keeping up-to-date on new developments pertaining to the bill.

Before the discussion began, each panelist was given the opportunity to make an opening statement. While Salt and Prestrud were

understandably on the panel due to their political affiliations, Drury and Handley explained why they had chosen to participate.

"I'm here today not be an expert on the situation, but to offer a student's perspective," said Drury. "This bill will affect my decision about where I want to work once graduate."

"I am one of two representatives to hold an election on March 8 and 9 to unionize," said Handley. "What is the actual intent of the bill? Is it to balance the budget? Because we've already said we would make sacrifices. Make no mistake: as sure as I'm sitting here, this bill is about union-busting."

When an audience member asked Prestrud, the Republican representative on the panel, why he supported the bill, he stated that it was because the budget needed to be balanced. When asked why he believed this bill should affect unions, he stated that the "unions are taking money to nominate candidates that support legislation that [he is] morally opposed to." He cited abortion as



UW-Stout students, faculty and staff stand outside Wednesday voicing their disapproval of Gov. Walker's bill.

Joe Howell/Stoutonia



University of Wisconsin-Stout student chapter of the Wisconsin State Education Association hosted a rally outside of the UW-Stout University Library in opposition of Gov. Walker's proposed "Budget Repair Bill."

Rachel Stocker/Stoutonia

an example.

Another audience member asked Prestrud why the Dunn County Republican Board supports this bill, to which he replied, "We have not all talked about this bill together, so I must assume what the board's position is. I wish more people on my side would have attended this forum because I know there are a lot of them out there."

As the tension built up and peoples' voices started to escalate, the moderator would step in and redirect the discussion to another topic while reminding everyone to remain civil and listen to others' perspectives.

When asked about how this bill would affect Wisconsin's education system, Drury brought up the concern about educators leaving to find work in other states.

"People don't teach for the money," said Prestrud, referring to his wife, a teacher. "They teach because they love to teach."

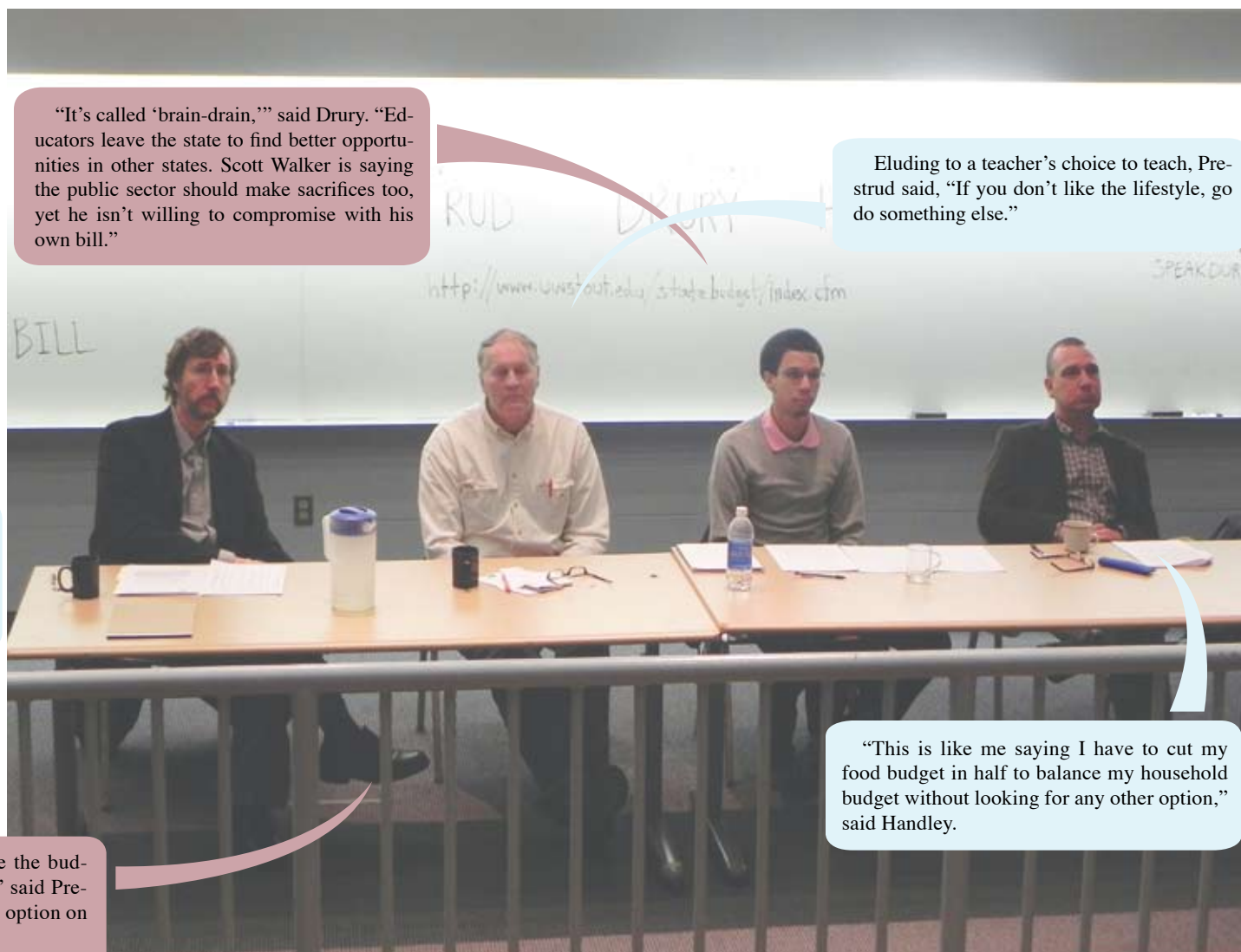
As the forum began to near its end, the emotional tension permeated the room. It became obvious that the Democrats and the Republicans only became more convinced that their respective side was right.

"We certainly need to balance the budget, and that's the basics of that," said Prestrud. "Right now, this is the only option on the table."

"It's called 'brain-drain,'" said Drury. "Educators leave the state to find better opportunities in other states. Scott Walker is saying the public sector should make sacrifices too, yet he isn't willing to compromise with his own bill."

Eluding to a teacher's choice to teach, Prestrud said, "If you don't like the lifestyle, go do something else."

"This is like me saying I have to cut my food budget in half to balance my household budget without looking for any other option," said Handley.



These were the panelists at the Budget Repair Bill Impact Forum. From left to right: Bob Salt, Marv Prestrud, Lakayana Drury and Jim Handley.

Jerad Maplethorpe/Stoutonia



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Marc Anderson

Contributing Writer/Cartoonist

In the world of physics, there are several well-established rules about opposing forces. One might note the popular “for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction.” For instance, in the case of affirmative action (pun both incidental and lame), the opposite reaction might be a notion that affirmative action encourages laziness and destroys fair competition in the job market, or that educated white males are continually getting screwed and held down by “the man.” We see all manner of opposing forces in governmental policy. Everyone has an opinion, and as far as I’m concerned, Christine O’Donnell is the only guiding light who really should be entitled to it.

But where does this dissension in politics come from? We, as Americans and millions of illegal aliens, have a fascination with conflict. The recent educational and uplifting fad of reality television, for instance, has been known to display little spats from time to time. More so than viewing these conflicts that are very real and in no way staged (perhaps truer than life itself), we love to hate stuff. When it comes to politics, we have a high level of animosity for just about anything we disagree with. I would know because your opinions are uninformed and silly, while mine are infallible.

Partisanship is in no way new to this country. There has always been a level of dissent in America, but there are several explanations for the increased awareness of the hostility in recent years, such as: the shrinking of the middle class and disproportioning of wealth, the development of highly successful media and communication outlets (i.e. news networks, Internet and social networking) and the invention of Viagra (if debates last longer than four years, consult your physician). Speaking of performance enhancers, there are few better ways to dissuade your opponent, or better yet, dissuade your opponent’s constituents, than to blindly take a conflicting view on an issue. Generally being the loudest about an issue is a pretty good tactic as well. Just like my mother used to say, “The squeaky wheel gets the grease.”

In many cases, it can be difficult to gauge just how much vigor a particular politician or constituent actually has about an issue or ideology. While there are a few damn squeaky wheels out there, not all should warrant our attention. Of course, therein lies a problem. When everyone holds extreme ideologies in accordance with their political party’s agenda, we completely lose a valuable discourse (also the leading cause of hair loss). We all carry our own biases, but when those begin to prevent any sort of progress, they cause us to regress in a way akin to the “Land Before Time” animated films.

Political discussion is always important, much like brushing your teeth and wiping your ass. Following a major shift in leadership or a big bowl of chili, it isn’t always pretty, but deadpan: uncompromising opposition is not a recipe for progress.

Why can't we be friends?



"Spirit of Madison" echoes throughout the nation

Published by the Huffington Post, Feb. 22, 2011 "Introducing the American Dream Movement"

Van Jones

Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress Action Fund

In the past 24 months, those of us who longed for positive change have gone from hope to heartbreak. But hope is returning to America - at last - thanks largely to the courageous stand of the heroes and heroines of Wisconsin.

Reinvigorated by the idealism and fighting spirit on display right now in America's heartland, the movement for "hope and change" has a rare, second chance. It can renew itself and become again a national force with which to be reckoned.

Over the next hours and days, all who love this country need to do everything possible to spread the "spirit of Madison" to all 50 states. This does not mean we need to occupy 50 state capitol buildings; things elsewhere are not yet that dire. But this weekend, the best of America should rally on the steps of every statehouse in the union.

Moveon.org and others have issued just this kind of call to action; everyone should prioritize responding and turning out in large numbers.

On Saturday, the powers-that-be (in both parties) should see a rainbow force coming together: organized workers, business leaders, veterans, students and youth, faith leaders, civil rights fighters, women's rights champions, immigrant rights defenders, LGBTQ stalwarts, environmentalists, academics, artists, celebrities, community activists, elected officials and more - all standing up for what's right.

Take Movement to a Higher Plane: Defending the American Dream

We should announce that our renewed movement is more than just a mobilization to back unions or oppose illegitimate power grabs (as important as those agenda items are). Something more vital is at stake: our country needs a national movement to defend the American Dream itself, and the fight in Wisconsin creates the opportunity to build one.

After all, it is the American Dream that the GOP's "slash and burn" agenda is killing off. We need a movement dedicated to renewing the idea that hard work pays in our country; that you can make it if you try; that America remains a land committed to dignity, justice and opportunity for all. Right now, this very idea is on the GOP chopping block, and we must rescue it now or risk losing it forever.

America will not make it through this crisis healthy and whole if, at the first sign of trouble, we are willing to throw away millions of our everyday heroes. Our teachers, police officers, firefighters, nurses and others make our communities and country strong. Their daily work is essential to the smooth functioning and long-term success of our nation. An attack on them is an attack on the backbone of America.

Nobody objects to politicians cutting budget-fat. But the GOP program everywhere is so reckless that it would actually cut muscle, bone and marrow, too. This approach is both short-

sighted and immoral. We should rise up against it - in our millions.

GOP Cuts Muscle, Fat and Bone - Republicans Attack American Way

Both parties should be taking steps to solve the country's problems in a balanced, fair and rational way. If deficits are truly the issue, then raising taxes and cutting spending both should be on the table, as tools. But Wisconsin's governor recently handed out massive corporate tax breaks, reducing the state's revenues. That move greatly added to the problem he now wants to fix by attacking essential services with a meat axe. A slew of GOP governors in places like Ohio are gearing up to take similar approaches.

If a foreign power conspired to inflict this much damage on America's first responders and essential infrastructure, we would see it as an act of war.

If a foreign dictator unilaterally announced that his nation's workers no longer had a seat at the bargaining table in their own country, the U.S. establishment would rightfully go bananas.

If Republicans would oppose that kind of thuggery abroad, how can they champion it here at home? How can they accept for the American people what they would denounce for the people of any other nation on Earth?

GOP governors in multiple states are advancing schemes to erase the long-standing rights of American employees to choose a union and bargain collectively. We need to call these outrageous plots what they are: un-American and unacceptable. They are not just assaults on workers; they are assaults on the American way itself.

This Is Our 'Tea Party' Moment - In a Positive Sense

It is time to draw a line in the sand - nationally. Someone has to stand up for common sense and fairness. It is time to use all nonviolent means to defend the American people and our American principles from these abuses.

If we take a bold and courageous stand, over time, we can win. Make no mistake about it: this is our "Tea Party" moment - in a positive sense.

In fact, we can learn many important lessons from the recent achievements of the libertarian, populist right. Don't forget: even after the Republicans' epic electoral defeat in 2008, a right-wing uprising was still able to smash public support for "new New Deal" economics. Along the way, it revived the political fortunes of the GOP.

A popular outcry from the left could just as easily shatter the prevailing bipartisan consensus that America is suddenly a poor country that cannot possibly help its people meet our basic needs.

America Is Not a Poor Country - We Suffer From Poor Leadership

The truth is that we don't live in Bangladesh or Malawi. America is not a poor country. The public has just been hypnotized into believing that the richest and most creative nation on Earth has only two choices in this crisis: massive austerity (as championed by the Tea Party/



UW-Stout "Kill the Bill" rally.

Joe Howell/Stoutonia

Republicans) or semi-massive austerity (as meekly offered by too many DC Democrats). It is ridiculous.

Fortunately, the people in Wisconsin know that. So they are fighting courageously. Their efforts could blossom into a compelling, national force for the good, offering a powerful alternative to those false choices.

And while our re-born movement needs to be as clear and bold as the Tea Parties, we must base our efforts on a deeper set of American values.

The Tea Party attached itself to only a single American principle, and it identifies itself with only one moment in our distant past: the Boston Tea Party, symbolizing "no taxation without representation."

"American Dream" Movement Rooted in a Deeper Patriotism

That is an important moment and concept. But the notion of "negative liberty" ("don't tread on me!") is only one principle among many that make our country great. Other equally vital American values and ideals (like justice, opportunity, fairness and democracy) have gone largely undefended and unheralded in this recent crisis. That ends now. Our rising movement should stand for the full suite of American values and principles.

The American ideal most in need of defense is our most essential one: the American Dream.

The steps needed to renew and redeem the American Dream are straightforward and simple:

- Increase revenue for America's government sensibly by making Wall Street and the super-rich pay their fair share.

- Reduce spending responsibly by cutting the real fat - like corporate welfare for military contractors, big agriculture and big oil.

- Simultaneously protect the heart and soul of America - our teachers, nurses and first responders.

- Guarantee the health, safety and success of our children and communities by leaving the muscle

and bone of America's communities intact.

- Maintain the American way by treating employees with dignity and respecting their right to a seat at the bargaining table.
- Rebuild the middle class - and pathways into it - by fighting for a "made in America" innovation and manufacturing agenda, including trade and currency policies that honor American workers and entrepreneurs.
- Stand for the idea that, in a crisis, Americans turn to each other - and not on each other.

A Return to the Moral Center

These are not radical notions. They are the common sense ideas that form the core of who we are as a nation. We can rally, Americans, once again, to stand up for these values. We can make America, once again, a land where it is safe for everyday people to dream.

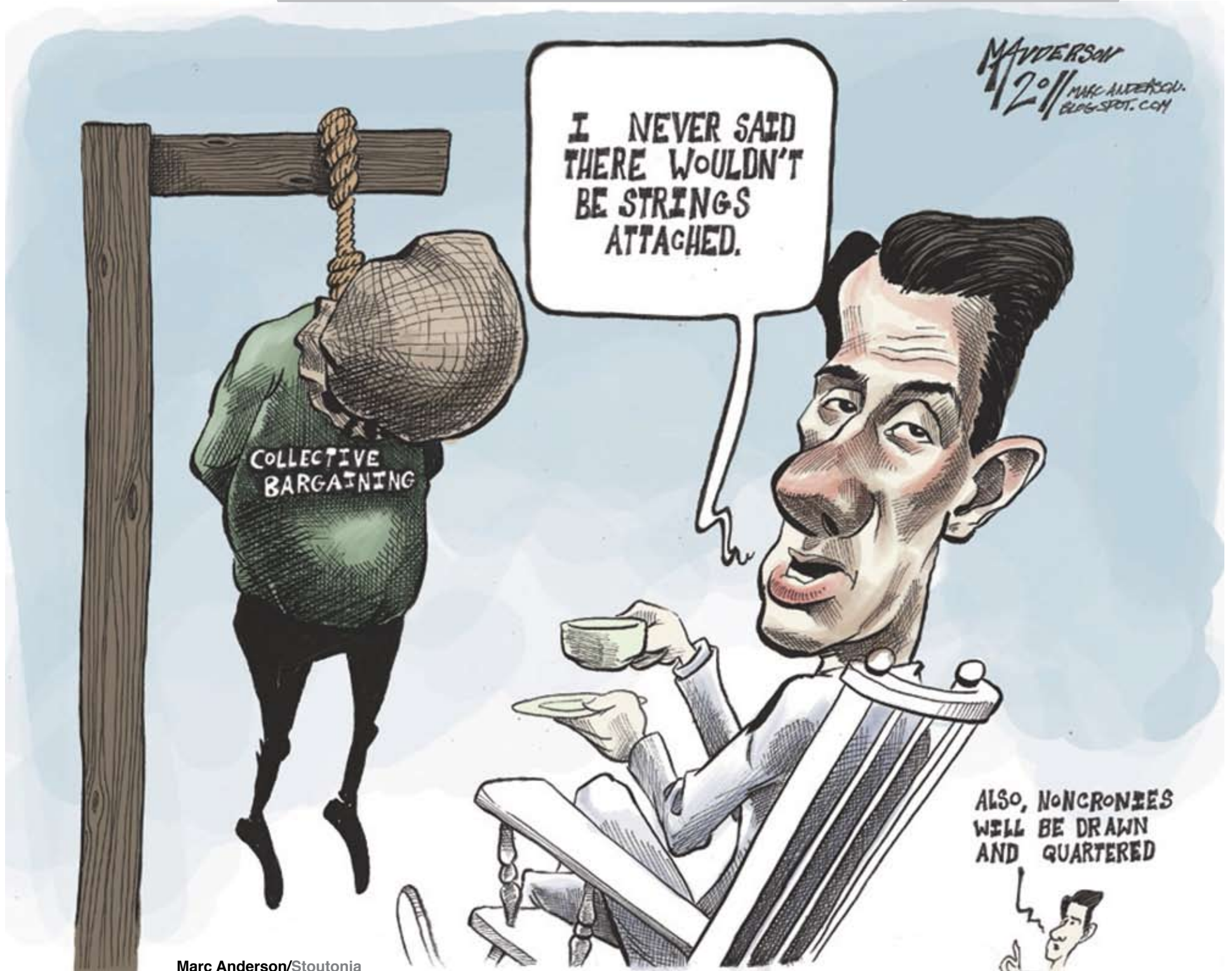
We will prevail because, in truth, we are not in a right-wing period of American history, nor are we in a left-wing period. We are simply in a volatile period.

During times like these, we can take comfort in knowing that a great nation will ultimately pull its answers - not from its ideological extremes - but from its deep, moral center.

By standing up for dignity, equal opportunity and fair play, the Wisconsin workers have found their way to America's great moral center. They have shown us all, at last, the way back home. By standing with them, we reclaim what is best in our country.

April 15, 2009 marked the beginning of the national movement to remember the Tea Party and pull America to the ideological right.

Let Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011 mark the beginning of the national movement to renew the American Dream and return us to the moral center - where everybody counts and everybody matters.



Marc Anderson/Stoutonia

Dear Editor,

I am a student at UW-Stout who is politically moderate. I understand why educators and students are upset about the budget cuts proposed in the Governors bill. But on the other hand, it is true that our current government is spending more money than it makes. The Governor says that if the Democrats don't return from Illinois, then people in Wisconsin are going to start losing their jobs. Why is this? Are the unions the reason we have a budget deficit in Wisconsin?

Yours truly,

Bird Mevans

Thank you for your question Bird,

It is true that the state of Wisconsin—and many other states for that matter—have budget deficits that need to be balanced. The underlying issue at hand, however, has nothing to do with

the budget deficit, and everything to do with power.

The union's have already agreed to take a pay cut and contribute more to their health and pension benefits as the Governor has requested. The public workers are striking because the Governor wants to eliminate their right to collectively bargain, a right they've had in Wisconsin for almost 80 years.

Do not be fooled, Bird. This law is not motivated by the principles of fiscal responsibility. This is the beginning of a nationwide agenda to strip public unions of their collective bargaining rights. Why? The public unions are the biggest contributors to the Democratic Party. If they go, corporate cash will control elections entirely. This is purely politics in its ugliest form.

You asked whether or not some public employees will start getting laid off because the Democrats have fled to Illinois. That, I'm afraid, is up to the Governor, not the Democrats. There are plenty of actions the Governor can take to avoid massive layoffs, but he has failed to even put anything on the table—he's refusing

to negotiate a compromise.

Walker added approximately \$117 million to the Wisconsin deficit on Jan. 31 through two corporate tax cuts. About a week after, the Governor came out and inferred that the unions were robbing Wisconsin taxpayers of their money, and that they needed to pay their fair share in order to balance the budget. The truth is that public unions are not the reason we have a budget deficit in Wisconsin.

This issue is strictly political, Bird. Walker Corporate Ranger is attempting to grab the political power away from the public unions, and he is expecting you to turn a blind eye to the political process. Don't do that. Democracy is a fuzzy business, and it sometimes takes 14 courageous senators to flee the state to let the voices of their constituents ring throughout the capital.

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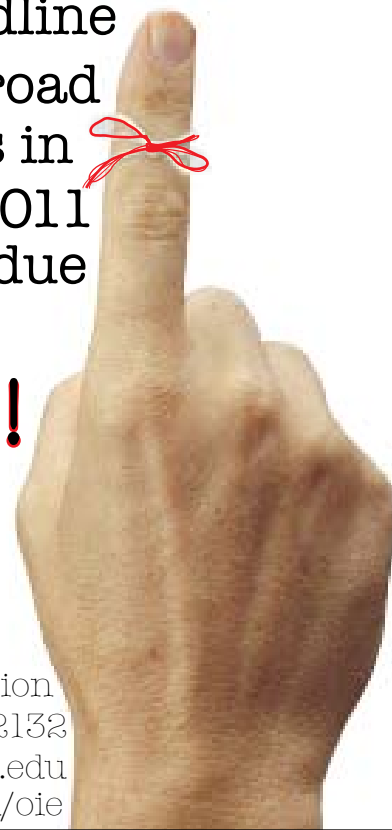
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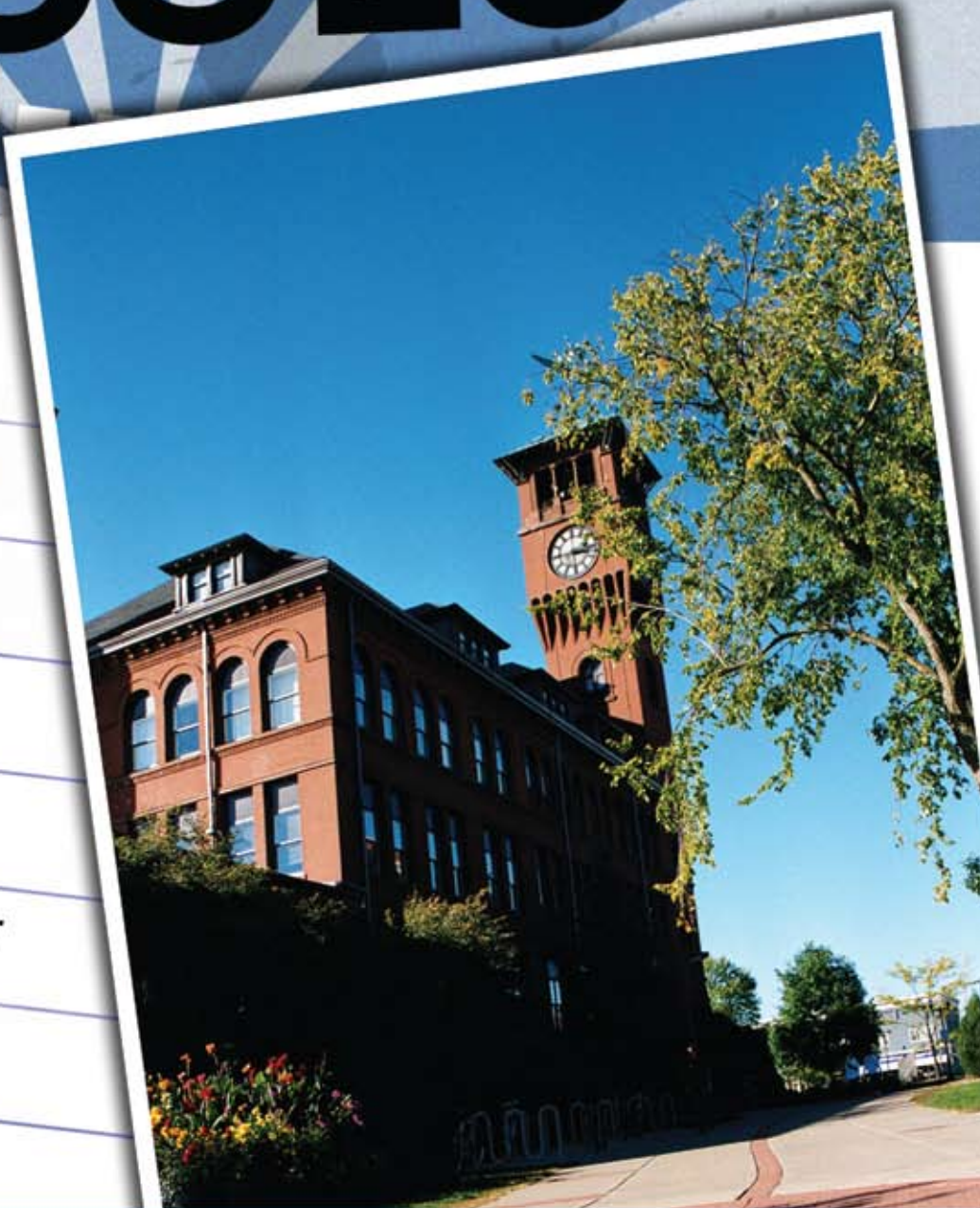
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An eye-catching poster from the War Department, 1944, shows a poster depicting cholera. Diebel teaches an art history class, "Art and the Plague," that coincides with the exhibit.

"['Art and the Plague'] is about the impacts on imagery and literature of really devastating outbreaks historically," said Diebel.

The exhibit is one that brings different disciplinary fields on campus together.

"One of the intentions of the campus generally, lately, has been to find interdisciplinary paths where people from different areas can work together," said Diebel. "This really seemed like the perfect opportunity to do that."

Diebel hopes that the exhibit will bring a different crowd into the gallery.

"It appeals to departments across the campus, like the biology department and applied science," said Diebel. "The ultimate reason for having them here is because they are visually such striking images. Seems like a strange, weird subject matter, posters about disease, but when you get to see the images, they are such powerful examples of really good design. There is an incredible variety, visually, in terms of design directions."

Diebel stressed how the collection of more than 20 posters from the 20th century is not only interesting to look at, but also has educational value.

"I think it's a good

example of how design is not just a frill – it really does have an impact in moving people to pay attention to important issues like public health," said Diebel.

The collection of posters from the past is potentially a way to learn about epidemic disease in history.

"One of the things I think to take away from this, even in our own society today where we have a good medical understanding and we can address diseases in a different way and more effective way than the past is that there are still emerging diseases out there," said Diebel.

The last time Diebel taught the course "Art and the Plague," the H1N1 epidemic was breaking out.

"There was a big scare about how that might turn into something very big and difficult to control," said Diebel. "Will there be enough vaccine, and how will we manage resources if we are getting sick?"

The curator of the exhibit, Dr. Michael Sappol, will be at UW-Stout on March 31 in Applied Arts 210 to speak about the exhibit, which will be followed by a reception in the Furlong Gallery.

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Roseanne Meier
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The Furlong Gallery is hosting the exhibit "An Iconography of Contagion: An Exhibition of 20th Century Health Posters" that will run from Thursday, Feb. 17 through Friday, April 1. The National Academy of Sciences, in collaboration with the National Library of Medicine of the National Institutes of Health, has organized the exhibit.

Very dedicated to the project, Dr. Sarah E. Diebel, from the Department of Art and Design, has been working on bringing the exhibit to the University of Wisconsin – Stout.

"The process of about a year-and-a-half trying to sound out various people within the college and determine interest and find outside sources," said Diebel. "It's kind of a strange subject matter, especially for Stout's art gallery."

The exhibit has traveled from Washington, D.C., Georgia, Virginia and Florida, and now



Rosie's redbox REVIEW

The Other Guys

Rating: ★★★★★

Roseanne Meier
Staff Writer

Has cabin fever arrested your brain this winter? Fight back by watching Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg play bad cop, bad cop. "The Other Guys" gives plenty of laughs with an action/adventure twist, an enjoyable combination, just like spring break and winning the lottery.

The all-star line up includes Will Ferrell (Allen Gamble) and Mark Wahlberg (Terry Holtz) who play detectives that have not mastered the duties of police officers. Dwayne Johnson (Danson) and Samuel L. Jackson (Highsmith) run the station until their characters' unfortunate deaths early on in the film. This lends the opportunity for Gamble and Holtz to put on their officer hats.

The stunning Eva Mendes (Sheila) plays

Gamble's wife, or as he refers to her, his "old ball and chain." When Sheila is introduced to Holtz, he doesn't believe that Gamble could pick up such a prize. The best parts of the film play on Gamble's bizarre ability to attract gorgeous women.

Directed by Adam McKay, "The Other Guys" is the fourth collaboration between McKay and Ferrell. Previous films include "Anchorman," "Talladega Nights" and "Step Brothers." Although Ferrell plays the same type of goofy character as his previous films, it hasn't gotten old; he's the character who gives the most belly laughs.

Although not necessarily action-packed, the film has its share of car chases, shooting scenes and enough action scenes to keep you on the edge of your seat. In one scene, Gamble and Holtz race around in a Toyota Prius to catch the bad guys.

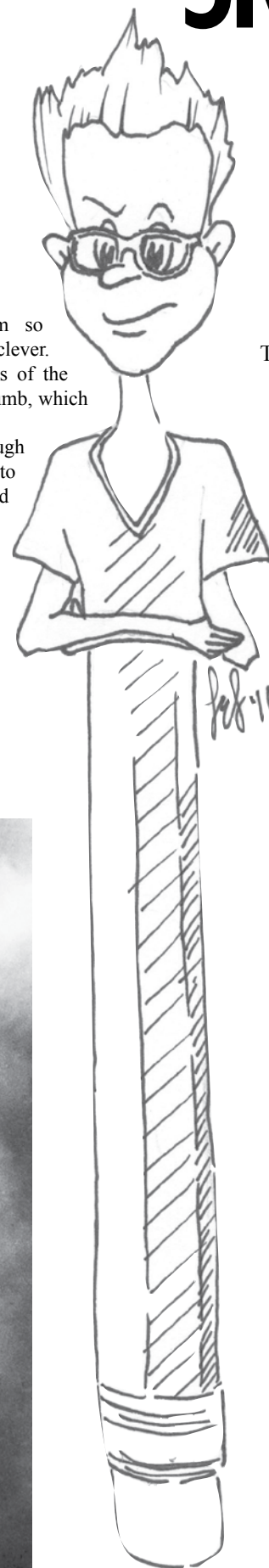
Perhaps what makes the film so hilarious is that it doesn't try to be clever. Simple one-liners and crazy antics of the characters make them look a bit dumb, which is extremely laughable.

The film will leave you with enough one-liners for you and your friends to get through the rest of winter. Head out and rent "The Other Guys" at Redbox, or save yourself an extra trip and buy the DVD.

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DEAD SPACE 2 | Review

Rating: ★★★★★

Hassan Javaid
Staff Writer

With the continuing advancements in graphical and sound technology, one of the most shocking losses in the video game industry has been that of horror games. This goes against reason, as it is, horror games that benefit most from the recent increase in graphical power and sound. Players who've missed turning the lights off at night, holding a controller and screaming for their mother will be happy to hear of "Dead Space 2." Oh yes, your mother will definitely not like this, much like the advertisement campaign for the game has been touting – or will she?

If your mom is a fan of good old horror and being spooked to no end, then she will adore this game. "Dead Space 2" is the scariest, creepiest and most nerve-racking game to come out in a long while. Not since the PlayStation 2 era of gaming has a game proceeded to dive this deeply into scaring the player both physically and psychologically. "Dead Space 2" achieves its first and foremost important goal: There is not a moment in the game when you're allowed to feel safe or even remotely calm. It also boasts an involving story, some great game play and generally hits all the right notes, becoming one of the finest horror games to come out in a long time.

In "Dead Space 2," you resume control of Isaac Clark a year after the events of the first game. For those unfamiliar with the original "Dead Space," Isaac Clark is actually a space engineer who boards a space ship infested with unknown alien parasites that infect corpses and mutate them. Isaac manages to somehow survive and escape from the ship with his life and sanity barely intact.

In an interesting twist, the game actually opens up with Isaac in an asylum trying to recover from the shocking events he experienced in the first game. Of course, bad fortune follows the poor guy and the space station he is on. Isaac winds up becoming infested from the same parasites

that he encountered in the first game.

A big difference, and one that will be appreciated, is the big improvement in story. The original "Dead Space" had a silent protagonist, but the second game does away with that, giving him a voice, a personality and some much needed depth. If half of the game's story is about Isaac surviving through the hell unleashed upon his space station, then the other half is about him dealing with his personal trauma and issues and becoming a stronger person at the end of it all. The story is, by far, the biggest improvement over the original and really immerses you into the experience.

On the topic of immersion, a big innovation in the "Dead Space" series in general is the idea of having all of your menus open during the actual game rather than in a pause menu. Your health bar is displayed on your character in the form of lights, as are your other powers. Even changing weapons is totally immersive; the game has holograms pop out from Isaac's suit. Since this is a futuristic sci-fi game, this idea really meshes well and adds to the overall experience.

For the most part, the controls and gameplay of the original "Dead Space" are left largely intact. Given that the controls were inspired from the very popular "Resident Evil 4," it was hardly a control scheme that needed fixing. At the same time, if you were one of the few people who were not a fan of the first game's controls, "Dead Space 2" isn't going to change your mind. The same dismemberment gameplay is also widely present in "Dead Space 2," where you actually have to take off every monster's limb in order to kill it.

There are some minor improvements, though, that really bring the gameplay to perfection. Weapons are more varied and useful. The stasis ability now recharges, you can use telekinesis to impale foes and even the zero gravity sections have been refined to the point where they're actually fun.

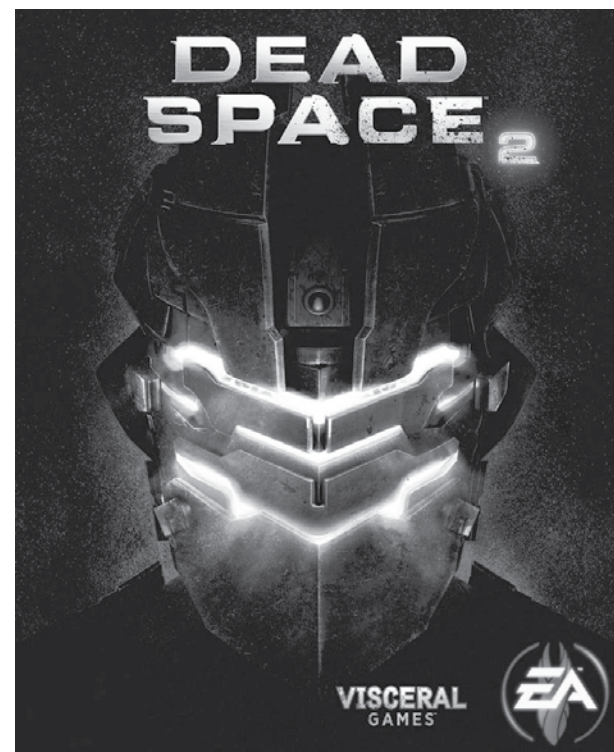
All these small improvements aside, the

major things that have changed in "Dead Space 2" are the area, the pacing and the level design. The game is just overall a lot more fun and scary. Instead of the repetitive corridors of a space ship, you get to move around an entire space station. This gives you very interesting backdrops to fight tons of monsters. "Dead Space 2" throws you into different places, from shops to baby nurseries, each with its own scary and unique twist. Each level has been handcrafted to fit as not only a scare theater but also as a decent battleground. Nothing feels out of place, and you never feel like there's too little room to navigate or dodge as you fight.

The meat of any horror game is in the monsters it presents. "Dead Space 2" has an interesting collection of unique monsters called Necromorphs. You'll get everything from the classic dead, mutated body with blades sticking out of its hands to creatures that will spit acid on you all the way to little baby mutants. The world of "Dead Space 2" is home to some really scary, gory and disgusting monsters.

"Dead Space 2" makes excellent use of the industry's current technology in graphics and immersive sound. The game has great production values, and everything from the little sound effects to the voice acting is fantastic. All in all, this is a pretty looking and sounding game that really drives home the horror through its intense visuals and sounds.

As great as "Dead Space 2" is, it really isn't for everyone. "Your mom won't like it" jokes aside; this is not a game for the squeamish. This is a scary, gory and very mature game. As with any M-Rated game, children should be kept as far away from it as possible. If you're easily



scared, "Dead Space 2" will probably give you nightmares for weeks on end. Enjoy the game, but only if you're sure you can stomach this kind of thing.

"Dead Space 2" is currently the king of horror games in the video game industry. It looks, sounds and oozes horror, and it's been so long since gamers have been able to experience a truly freaky game like this. If you liked the first game or are just interested in the very idea of a video game scaring the living daylight out of you, do yourself a favor and pick up this game.



UW-Stout students spearhead sustainability efforts

Andrew Vogl
Entertainment Editor

University of Wisconsin-Stout officials often boast the school's sustainability efforts and the commitments to decreasing the size of its environmental footprint. However, according to students conducting research at Galloway Creek in Menomonie, we still have a lot of work to do toward becoming more sustainable.

As part of a two-year biology department project funded by a 2009 RCREF grant, UW-Stout students Jacob Pulfer and Steve Zweber led water run-off research efforts at Galloway Creek over the past two summers under the guidance and supervision of Dr. Krista James and with the assistance of Bill James of the Galloway Aquatic Ecology Laboratory in Spring Valley, Wis.

"The study included water quality monitoring and continuous water sampling," said Zweber. "We tested samples for fecal coliform here, then sent samples to the Galloway lab to be tested for things such as phosphorus and nitrate. A lot of the nutrient loading that goes directly into the Red Cedar River and increases algae blooms and causes other problems."

After gathering and compiling data, the students led an educational campaign to inform the surrounding community members about the issues concerning storm water drainage and impervious surface water run-off.

"I went door-to-door with another UW-Stout student and had residents fill out a questionnaire and shared information about our research and invited them to our first presentation of our research in October," said Zweber.

The first presentation was rather insignificant, with only a few people who came and showed interest. The second presentation, given by Zweber and Pulfer on Feb. 17, 2011, drew much more interest with an audience of over 50 people.

"We also conducted a unified sub-watershed and site reconnaissance survey," said Pulfer. "That allowed us to grade selected properties on their management practices concerning diversion of storm water."

Pulfer and Zweber plan to use the information they gathered to get people involved in finding solutions and create an awareness of the issues of poor water quality.

"The follow-up is the most important part," said Zweber. "The systems for storm water drainage all drain directly into the creek and use it as a drainage ditch, which is not the proper way to be disposing of storm water. There is no treatment, screening or filtration process; water just rushes down and creates high-velocity storm run-off flows and carries sediment and waste straight into the river."

The regulations regarding storm water run-off have changed since the creation of the current systems. Laws now prevent the passage of storm water without proper filtration, but the systems in place in Menomonie have been grandfathered in and have yet to be updated.

"Until we can change the system, the only thing we can do is encourage homeowners to divert the water to rain gardens and retention



Steve Zweber (left) and Jake Pulfer (right) take water samples at Galloway Creek.

ponds and prevent it from impacting the area any more," said Pulfer.

Zweber and Pulfer also encourage students at UW-Stout and residents of Menomonie to make the effort to keep their yards clean and free of waste to help lessen the amount of pollutants washed into water sources.

"All the trash and plastic bags that get left in yards end up [in Galloway Creek]," said Zweber. "As students, we also have a strong voice in what happens around campus. We need to use our voice to encourage Stout officials to plant native plants around campus, decrease the amount of impervious surfaces and implement more sustainable practices into their landscaping efforts."

"With all the impervious surfaces we have here on campus, the pervious surface that we do have should be decreasing the amount of pollutants we are adding to storm water run-off," said Pulfer.

Despite the less-than-acceptable assessment of Menomonie's water quality, the team remains hopeful for the future.

"Because of great groups like the Menomin and Tainter Lake Association and Sustainable Dunn, who are doing everything they can to lessen the impact of storm water run-off and help get the word out, we are definitely hopeful about the future," said Pulfer.

Zoo Animal

Roseanne Meier
Staff Writer

Zoo Animal will be performing at the Blind Munchies Coffeehouse in Menomonie on Friday, March 4. The minimalist-pop group from Minneapolis will grab you with their catchy guitar riffs and clever lyrics.

Zoo Animal is comprised of Holly Newsom (vocals, guitar), Tim Abramson (bass) and Thom Burton (drums).

The trio formed in the winter of 2008.

"I got booked by a club in Minneapolis while I was still living in a small town and thought, well, if I'm going to play a show in the city, I better put a band together," said Newsom. "So, that band eventually became Zoo Animal."

Expect to see at a Zoo Animal show, "Intensity, intimacy, lame banter and dynamics," said Newsom.

Zoo Animal's sound is instantly ear-catching and unique.

Newsom describes Zoo Animal's music as, "Nirvana meets Radiohead meets Cat Power meets Philip Glass."

Newsom's favorite songs to perform live are her most recent.

"Whichever is the newest, it's the freshest and closest to the moment of birth," said Newsom. "The same way parents just stare at newborns and are just awed by them – they don't do that to their teenage kids."

The track "Say It" off of Zoo Animal's self-titled album was Newsom's favorite track to record.

"I really enjoyed recording 'Say It' because it has so much space and nuance. I feel like the recording really captured that, and that was exciting," said Newsom.

Newsom's musical influence comes from her favorite bands.

"Sam Phillips, her album 'A Boot and A Shoe' is so rad," said Newsom. "She is one

of a list of many that also includes Barbra Streisand, David Byrne, Richard D. James, David Bazan, Sufjan Stevens and many others."

The west coast tour in January was a great experience for Zoo Animal.

"Our west coast tour in January was very cool, lots of positivity and tons of fun," said Newsom.

Although the band loves playing music, traveling isn't easy. It includes, "Long hours in the van, sleeping on floors and in the van," said Newsom.

What can we expect from Zoo Animal in the future?

"Touring and writing. Maybe make it to the east coast finally," said Newsom.

The last concert that Zoo Animal attended was Retribution Gospel Choir and Peter Wolf Crier in Santa Cruz, Calif.

"A ridiculously fun night on our tour, where we had a night off and we happened to be at the right place at the right time," said Newsom.

Newsom enjoys Minnesota for its music and art scenes.

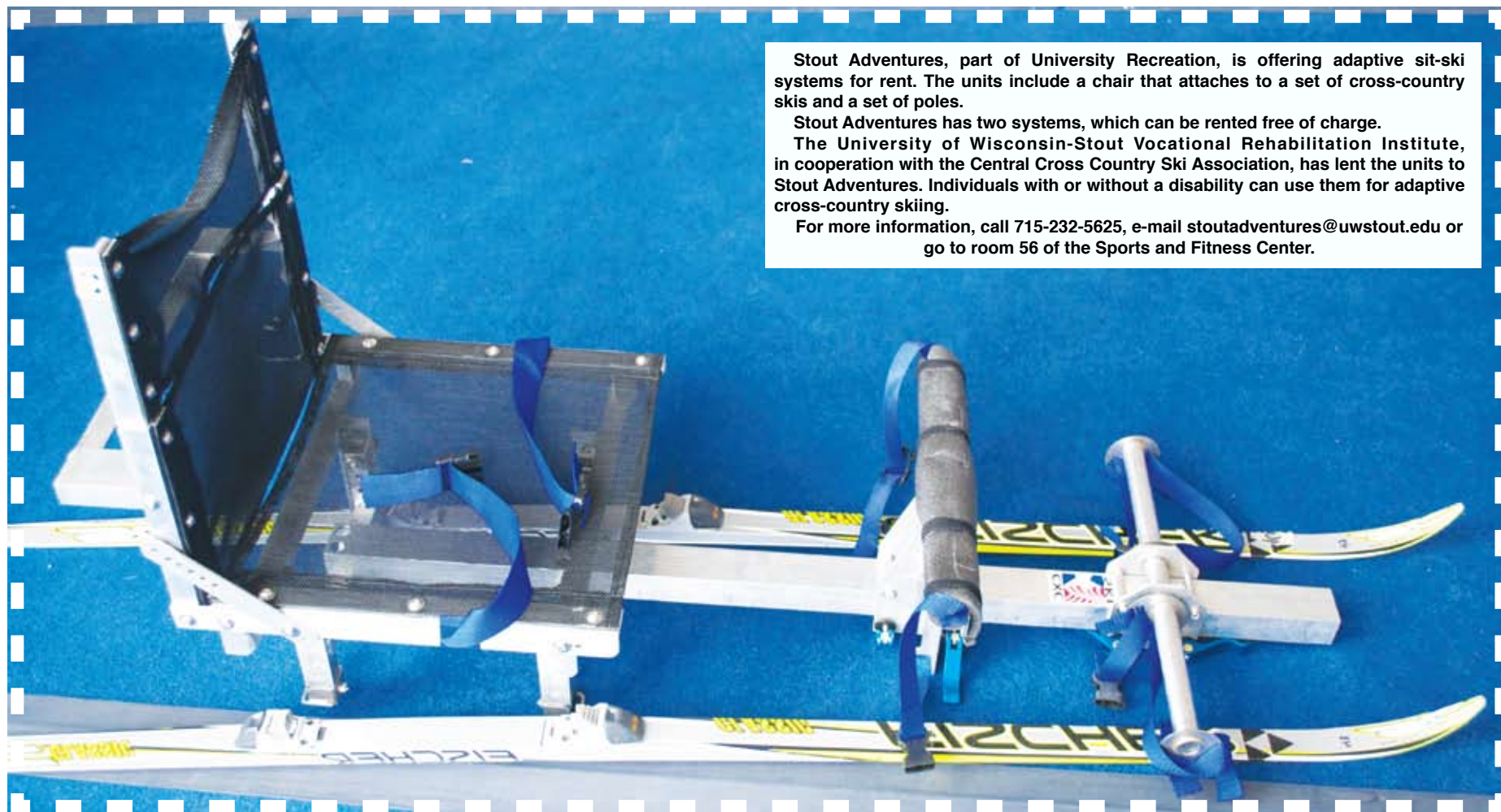
"Rad places like Nick and Eddie that really put effort into creating an environment that inspires the people frequenting it," said Newsom.

For more information about Zoo Animal, visit their webpage at restandnoise.com/zooanimal or their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pages/Zoo-Animal/8860274309?sk=info.

**Friday, March 4th
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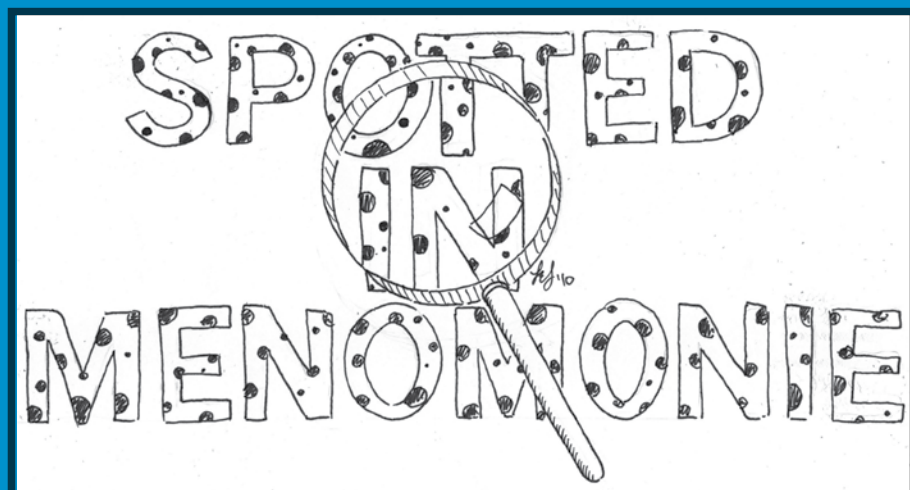
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Stout Adventures has two systems, which can be rented free of charge.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute, in cooperation with the Central Cross Country Ski Association, has lent the units to Stout Adventures. Individuals with or without a disability can use them for adaptive cross-country skiing.

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Ice Softball Tournament benefits the UW-Stout Water Ski Team

Morgan Pfaller
Staff Writer

Ice softball is an uncommon sport, but for many in and around Menomonie, it is a great way to combine a favorite summertime activity with the cold weather. Scores of people who could not wait until summer to play the game gathered on Lake Menomin to participate in the tournament on Feb. 19, 2011. The event was held at the Waterfront Bar & Grill to support the University of Wisconsin-Stout Water Ski Team.

People from all over gathered on the ice at 8 a.m. to kick off the tournament, which did not end until the late afternoon. The Water Ski Team organized the event. The team members kept score, delivered food from the bar to the people on the ice down below and organized the gameday schedule. The event drew attendance from UW-Stout students, community members from the Menomonie area and many students from nearby schools. The tournament reunites many team members each year as people enjoy friendly competition and a sense of camaraderie out on the ice.

The tournament was originally put on by the Waterfront Bar & Grill. However, the UW-Stout Water Ski team took over a couple of years ago as a fundraiser toward boat maintenance and buying new equipment. The Water Ski Team holds three different fundraisers in the month of February, including a pond hockey tournament and kickball tournament earlier in the month. The ice softball tournament is the team's second-biggest fundraiser and, according to Taylor Buchinger, a sophomore at UW-Stout, the event is "easy for the team to set up and manage but fun for all who participate."

Many spectators noticed that a frozen lake seems like a rather unusual location to play

softball, as the ice does not provide much traction to run the bases and play the game. Ice softball just would not be the same if it was played in the snow. The games are played on two spray-painted softball fields and follow regulation softball rules. To reduce slipping and sliding while playing softball, players wore rubber soles over their shoes, while spectators were left with the challenge of navigating their way around the slippery ice. Ryan Roth, a member of the water ski team and sophomore at UW-Stout, said it perfectly: "Where else can you play softball in the winter?"

Thirteen teams participated this year with 10 players per squad. Team members were required to be at least 18 years old to participate. The entry fee was \$100, which went toward the water ski team and the cash prize for first, second and third place.

The UW-Stout baseball team, along with owners of local restaurants and taverns, competed on the ice in a double-elimination game. If a team lost one game, it still had the opportunity to play again for the championship. A second loss meant the team was done and free to enjoy the remainder of the day out on the ice or warming up at the bar.

The tournament ended with Team Buck, a team made up of UW-Stout students, in first place. Team members won a \$250 cash prize and \$50 bar tab. Second prize went to the Stout Ale House team, a local Menomonie restaurant, who received a \$150 cash prize and \$25 bar tab. This team consisted of UW-Stout Alumni and locals from the Menomonie area. Third prize went to MBC, who was awarded at \$75 cash prize and a \$10 bar tab. This team was from the Appleton area and was comprised of UW-Stout alumni and friends. The Waterfront Bar & Grill contributed to the bar tab portion of the winning prize.

While most people were enjoying a preview of spring earlier in the week,

the event planners for the annual tournament were worried the warm weather might cause a cancellation. A foot of water on top of the ice was cause for concern, it would have been impossible for participants to play. Thankfully, a cold front froze the standing water and the tournament was able to go on. It was a mere 12 degrees Fahrenheit early in the morning when the tournament commenced, and warmed up to 20 degrees during the afternoon. The sun was out, but the wind chill made the air very cool. By the time the championship game started at 4 p.m., the sun was beginning to set and players and spectators bundled up with layers of clothes to stay warm.

Taylor Buchinger knows what to expect from the unpredictable Wisconsin weather. "It is harder to have outdoor games this time of year when you never know what the weather could be like, but we do our best to make it happen," said Buchinger. This year, it was a great day to be out on the ice.

"It was a long day to be outside but watching people play softball on the ice was something I have never seen before," said Lindsey Hanson, a sophomore from UW-Stout and a spectator. "Only in the Midwest can people come up with a winterized version of a summertime sport."

The Water Ski Team takes advantage of an ice-covered Lake Menomin every year. The team is open to people of any skill level. It provides equipment, such as skis, wetsuits and life jackets to all of its members and practices on Lake Menomin. During the spring and summer the team, which has 50 members, competes in seven collegiate tournaments. Team members hope to begin practice when the weather warms up and the ice begins to melt this spring.

Water Ski Team members would also like to thank the Waterfront Bar & Grill for all its support to make the tournament possible.



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The first rule of UW-Stout boxing club is...

Jodi Larson
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout has many athletic clubs on campus that are open to students, one of which is the boxing club.

The boxing club involves training to fight in boxing, jiu jitsu and mixed martial arts. These styles require a tremendous amount of skill and dedication. With the right training these various types of combat can be practiced to improve stamina, hand-to-eye coordination, balance, reflexes, and self-defense. The boxing club has many members fully trained in various martial art styles that can cater to any level of experience.

Dan Kuchenbecker, a senior in art education, and Dillon McFarren, a senior in business administration, have been members for two years.

"The main thing we do is boxing," said Kuchenbecker. "We have a trainer that comes in a few days a week and teaches us form and drills. Kickboxing is also involved, along with jiu jitsu and MMA (mixed martial arts). We have a lot of members that are very experienced in each style that can teach whoever is interested in learning the different types of martial arts. Training involves a variety of workout techniques to help condition strength/endurance and is a great way to get in shape."

"We usually start with a warm up when we do push up's, sit up's, planks, and stretching," said McFarren. "This is followed by boxing, jiu jitsu and MMA. It's fun, and it doesn't take long to get the hang of things. It's a good hobby to get into for the rest of your life."

"I, personally, teach defense techniques to anyone who is interested," McFarren added. "I teach general self-defense moves that can be used

against common "bad guy" behavior. If someone is confronting you, it's important to know how to avoid an attack. A lot of it involves takedowns and prevention techniques. It's a lot about controlling your opponent."

"The club can be used as a way to learn defense moves," Kuchenbecker said. "Your best defense is a good offense. The whole idea about martial arts is about using aggressive actions and knowing how to effectively defend yourself from an opponent."



Joe Howell/ Stoutonia

"Safety is very important," Kuchenbecker added. "Wearing the proper headgear and mouth guards is essential to providing a safe environment for our members. Boxing is not about hurting

the other person but learning how to fight in a respectful manner."

"The boxing club is here for work out and self-improvement," McFarren said. "Every now and then, we'll go to Hudson to train at a gym called Adrenalin Martial Arts, but other than that it's up to the members to get involved with their own matches outside of the club."

The boxing club doesn't require people to have any experience before joining. "You don't need experience, in fact more than half our club probably hasn't fought before joining the club," said McFarren. "Everyone is in there with varying levels of experience. Anyone who comes in can be taught by older members or by the trainer."

"The boxing club has a good atmosphere,

and it's a great stress reliever," McFarren said. "I need other people to help me prove myself with competition and being a leader for others. I learn something new every time I go."

"Boxing is a great way to relieve stress, especially with school," Kuchenbecker said. "It is also good to get stress out and get a good work out at the same time. Everyone is there for the same reasons, and it's really fun learning the different techniques. I enjoy the training, and the people are great to be around."

The boxing club meets Monday through Friday from 5-7 p.m. in the mat room at the Fitness Center. It welcomes both men and women with all levels of experience.

Kuchenbecker and McFarren spar in room 221 of Johnson Fieldhouse.

Joe Howell Stoutonia



Blue Devils fall short of a victory during final game

Morgan Pfaller
Staff Writer

On Feb. 19, the University of Wisconsin-Stout women's basketball team took on the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire at the Johnson Fieldhouse. The Blue Devils lost the game 67-64 to the Blugolds Saturday evening.

The Blugolds dominated the first half and maintained a steady lead throughout the period. In the second period the Blue Devils were trailing by 12 but managed to grab the lead with less than a minute of play remaining in the half. UW-Stout was unable to maintain that lead by failing to connect key free throws throughout the game.

Kayla Windt, a sophomore from Pence, Wis., scored a three-point basket, while Gretta Layman, a senior from Chippewa Falls, Wis., scored five points. Tricia VanVreede, a senior from Little Chute, Wis., hit two free throws and Sami Schoeder, a freshman from Durand, Wis., added 14 points

and snagged eight rebounds, a team high.

The team is disappointed it lost its final game and was unable to make it to the WIAC tournament, but it is ready for the off-season to improve its skills and teamwork out on the court.

"Our biggest thing to improve on is our lack of communication with each other on the court and adjusting to playing with each other," said Schoeder. "We are a very young team right now, which was our biggest weakness, as most players were inexperienced, myself included."

Schoeder says the team is preparing for the off-season, which includes constant workouts in weight training, conditioning and an hour of court time every night of the week.

"The only way we can improve our game is by playing with each other more and more and knowing our teammates strengths and weaknesses," said Schoeder.

The Blue Devils and Blugolds battle for a rebound.

Phil Mach Stoutonia



Men's basketball season ends with a victory

Morgan Pfaller
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Feb. 19, the University of Wisconsin-Stout men's basketball team took on the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire at the Johnson Fieldhouse in Menomonie, Wis. The Blue Devils were able to close out the season with a 76-63 win over the Blugolds on Senior Night. Two longtime players, Jerrod Buchholtz, a senior from Durand, Wis., and Eric Hostetter, a senior from Stillwater, Minn., added to the night's excitement when Hostetter tipped an errant UW-Eau Claire shot to Buchholtz who went coast-to-coast to throw down a slam dunk.

The victory was a team effort by the Blue Devils, who were 10-15, 4-12 this season, with four players scoring double figures throughout the game. Point guard Erik Olson, a sophomore from Buffalo, Minn., led the team with 21 points and seven assists. Buchholtz earned his second consecutive double-double, putting down 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Freshmen Steve Pax from Elmwood, Wis., and Alex Oman from Lake Elmo, Minn., each contributed 11 points for the Blue Devils, who trailed the Blugolds 26-25 at halftime. Within four minutes into the second half Buchholtz gave UW-Stout a

34-32 lead, and for the rest of the game, the Blue Devils were able to maintain that lead. In the last few minutes of the game, UW-Stout went up by double digits.

Neither team qualified for the WIAC tournament, marking the end of the season for both squads. The team was a little disappointed it did not make the tournament this year, but a victory against rival UW-Eau Claire ended the season on

a high note.

"Eau Claire is our biggest rival since the two schools are very close in distance," said Olson. "Both teams usually have a good turnout for each game we play against each other. It is always nice to have older players to rely on so that the game doesn't rest on your shoulders and so that you can go to them for advice."

"It isn't the easiest thing to do since we know

it's our last game of the season, but we go into it expecting to win and to play well together," said Hostetter. "It's nice to have our final game at home in front of our families and friends. We had a packed house, which made it a fun environment for everyone."

The team will take some time off before it begins its post-season training for next year's basketball season.



Jordan Nelson rises over a Blugold defender.
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Erik Olson tosses up a finger roll.

Falcons beat Blue Devils to advance to championships

Andrew Liddell
Staff Writer

The snow may have returned, but the University of Wisconsin-Stout hockey team will not be returning to the ice until next season after losing to University of Wisconsin-River Falls this past weekend.

The hockey team played the Falcons on Feb. 18 and ended up beating them 3-2 in the first game of the NCHA Peters Cup quarterfinals here in Menomonie. During the final minute of the game, Tom Lescovich, a sophomore from Clifton Park, NY, stoned the Falcons. Lescovich recorded an impressive 33 saves.

However, the Falcons struck back the next day by defeating the Blue Devils, running with its momentum to knock the team out of the running for the Peters Cup.

The mini-game, which followed the regular game, was the tiebreaker to see which team would go on to St. Norbert for the semi-finals and to see whose season would be coming to a close. The Blue Devils ended up falling short and will have to wait until next season for a chance at the championship.

Both days of the tournament forwards Sam Carr, a senior, and Kevin O'Donnell, a freshman, put forth an excellent scoring effort.

Carr, a veteran player for the Blue Devils, has been a part of the team for four years. Carr says that the team is still new but is definitely improving.

"We have a lot of young guys and not a whole lot of veteran players," Carr said. "Still, we have a lot of young talent."

According to Carr, the team will be graduating a fair number of seniors again this year with only having a few returning juniors to fill the gap. Some of the new talent, such as Lescovich and O'Donnell, Carr said, are just what the team needs in order to build up a better team.

"Kevin has been one of our most, if not the most, consistent rookies," Carr said. "Tom has been an amazing goaltender and is the backbone of our defense."

On Feb. 19, Carr scored a shorthanded goal, meaning that the Blue Devils had a player inside the penalty box when Carr scored. Usually, this would mean that the opposing team would have an advantage, but the Blue Devils held fast, and Carr even grabbed a second shorthanded goal.

"Our penalty kill has been really efficient this year," Carr said.

In the mini-game, the Falcons just proved to be too much and ended up scoring two goals on the Blue Devils, sealing their season fate.

The Blue Devils' season, however, was not a complete fluke. Coming in with a 16-11 record for the season, the Blue Devils had a decent run. With a bit of hard training this spring and building team camaraderie, the Blue Devils may have an even better season next year.

The hockey team will be holding tryouts in mid-October next Fall 2011.



Phil Mach/ Stoutonia
Garrett Grimstad takes the face off in the Falcons zone

Blue Devil SCORBOARD



Track & field

On Feb. 19, the University of Wisconsin-Stout's men's track and field team traveled to University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to compete at the Eastbay Invite. Senior Sam Flood won the 200-meter dash and finished second in the 55-meter dash. Flood finished third out of 55 competitors in the preliminaries with a time of 6.54. Junior Daniel Drewek won the pole vault event with a height of 16-feet, 4.75 inches.

Next game: UW-Stout will host the 43rd annual Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference on Friday, Feb. 25 and Saturday Feb. 26.



Gymnastics

On Feb. 21, the University of Wisconsin-Stout gymnastics team edged past Winona State, 182.20-181.975. UW-Stout's Naomi DeLara took first in three events; the vault with 9.550, the balance beams, with 9.70 and the floor exercise, with 9.675. Freshman Colleen Seegers came back after an injury with second place on the uneven bars and balance beam. Sophomore Jenna Lensing was fourth on the uneven bars and in the all-around.

Next game: UW-Stout will be at Boise State on Friday, Feb. 25 and then will host Hamline University on Friday, March 4.



Women's Softball

On Feb. 18, the University of Wisconsin-Stout women's Softball team dropped the season opener 3-2 in the seventh inning against Northwestern College. During the second game, the team bounced back 8-6 in a doubleheader. The first game had a no-hitter going through the seventh inning, but during the second game. Sam Hastings, Alison Gray and Kelly Conway hit three homeruns.

Next game: UW-Stout will travel to the Irish Sports Dome on Thursday, Feb. 24 when it plays St. Olaf College.

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Call it optimism, but I think we can all agree that it is time to “spring ahead.” That Punxsutawny Phil has lied to us for the last time. One thing is for sure, no one will be frolicking around in Lake Menominee once the ice thaws.



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Relay for Life

Jessica Christiansen

Staff Writer

Imagine waking up tomorrow morning. You are healthy, happy and working toward your dreams, but then, as the night falls, you are suddenly diagnosed with cancer. You feel restless, hopeless and unsure as to what your outcome may be, and your life has unexpectedly become dreadfully dark. In faith, you start your treatments. You lose your hair and could not feel any more miserable until all of a sudden, a new day arises and you start to see sunlight. Suddenly, there is hope: your treatments are working and your tumors are reducing. The next thing you know, your appetite is back and you are in remission. Your life is finally moving back in the right direction, into the daylight.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a community event that celebrates cancer survivors and honors the memory of the ones who have passed away from cancer. This will be the ninth year for Relay For Life at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, an event that takes place in 21 countries. Relay For Life involves teams of 6-15 people who take turns walking or running around a track all night long.

"People walk around the track because cancer doesn't sleep," said Cecily Rentz, the Relay for Life chair.

People camp out around the track for the extent of the event. As the night continues, people enjoy music, food, entertainment and activities while conversing with their teammates and other participants. In 2010, UW-Stout's Relay for Life event drew in 350 participants, which included teams, volunteers and committee members. The event raised \$27,433. This year, however, their goal is to raise \$29,000. All of the money raised is donated

to help support the American Cancer Society programs in research, education, advocacy and services locally, statewide and nationally.

The night begins with an opening ceremony "survivor lap" for all cancer survivors to take the first lap around the track while being cheered on by Relay for Life participants. At the peak of the evening, there will be a luminaria ceremony, which is a lighted ceremony that gives tribute to the people who have been affected by cancer. The luminarias are purchased to honor people who are still fighting cancer, who have survived and also to remember those who have lost their lives due to cancer.

Each hour, there will be a new theme to keep participants involved on the track. The overall theme, however, is "A Cure for the Decades" and teams are encouraged to have their campsites represent a specific decade.

The Relay for Life will be Saturday, April 30 through Sunday, May 1 at UW-Stout Nelson Field. The opening ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. Participants are encouraged to fundraise before

the day of the event. If a participant would like to receive a T-shirt for the event, he or she must raise \$100. Otherwise, there are different activities and fundraisers to participate in to

help raise money throughout the night.

"We attempt to have as many services donated or sponsored as possible, which includes the facility, the DJ, decorations, printing and activities - all of the extras that make Relay fun" said Rentz. "We want to make sure that the dollars that are raised are not to throw a party but for the reason that we relay in the first place."

To register a team, participants must pay a registration fee of \$150 per team, or, if registered prior to March 14, there is an early-bird registration offered for \$125. If you have any questions regarding UW-Stout's Relay for Life, you can contact Cecily Rentz at rentzc@my.uwstout.edu or check out the event's website: www.relayforlife.org/uwstout.

"You celebrate life in the daylight knowing that the darkness of nighttime is behind you" said Rentz. "This is why we relay."

You celebrate life in the daylight knowing that the darkness of nighttime is behind you. This is why we relay.

-Cecily Rentz

Breaking news!

On Wednesday, March 9, Wisconsin Republicans separated the legislation that dealt with union rights from the Budget Repair Bill in order to strip collective bargaining rights. Because the legislation did not affect any fiscal policies, the republicans were able to pass the bill without the democrats.

UW-Stout faculty unionizes, overwhelmingly supportive collective bargaining

Jerad Maplethorpe

News Editor

On Wednesday, March 9, University of Wisconsin-Stout faculty voted 196 - 31 in favor of unionization through Wisconsin's branch of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT). Although the 86 percent majority vote for unionization was successful, Gov. Walker's proposed Budget Repair Bill, if passed, would strip the faculty's right to collectively bargain.

"The legislature passed a bill permitting faculty to vote on collective bargaining just a couple years ago," said UW-Stout Professor Tim Shiell. "While UW-EC [Eau-Claire] and UW-Superior acted last year to vote in favor of collective bargaining, UW-Stout, UW-La Crosse, UW-River Falls and UW-Stevens Point did not get started on our card drives

until this fall. The vote has to be conducted by the Wisconsin Employee Relations Commission, and these dates were the soonest we could have the vote."

Shiell stated that without collective bargaining, the faculty does not have a say in how the university spends its money. Without the ability to bargain, Shiell stresses, tuition prices will become much more expensive in the years to come.

"Tuition at the comprehensives like UW-Stout will go up probably 5.5 percent each of the next two years, and a lot more at UW-Madison this year and UW-Milwaukee the next," said Shiell. "Depending on how much control the state gives back to each campus and how much more it cuts its financial support, that percent will probably go up even higher in years thereafter."

"Shooting Two"

Professor Jeanne Foley publishes a girl's sports book

Samuel Homan
Staff Writer

Many of you may have had Jeanne Foley as a professor, or you may have seen her riding her bicycle or motorcycle around town. Prior to her current occupation on campus as the director of the Math Teaching and Learning Center, Foley was an associate professor at Michigan State University, head coach of the women's basketball team at Princeton and held coaching positions at Michigan Tech and the University of Michigan.

Foley holds a B.A. in mathematics and physics from St. Olaf College, an M.A. in mathematics from the University of Wyoming and an M.S. in exercise physiology and a Ph.D. in physiology from Michigan State University. Not too long ago, Foley published a book titled, "Shooting Two," that she wrote it in honor of her niece.

Foley says that she loved to read sports stories when she was a young girl. However, there were not any stories about girls playing sports. This did not bother Foley because she read all of the boy sports stories anyway. Her father was big into sports and it rubbed off onto Foley. She tried biking, baseball, football, orienteering,

golf and much more. Two sports stayed with her: basketball and softball.

After graduating high school, Foley played basketball and softball at St. Olaf College located in Northfield, Minn. In 1976, Foley coached women's softball at the University of Wyoming. The following year, she became a coach at the University of Michigan. Foley really pushed for women's sports in the Michigan area.

In 1983, her niece, Jamie, was born. Foley quit coaching and returned to Michigan State University. In 1995, Foley went out to search for a girl's sports book to give to her niece for her 12th birthday. There was not a grand selection like there was for the boy sports books. After hard searching and no solution, Foley made a decision to write her own book for her niece. She started writing it in 2001, but it was put in the drawer because she was hired at University of Wisconsin-Stout. Eight years later, Foley's sister started a publishing company, and she was able to get her book published.

Since it is Women's History Month, this is a great opportunity to read Foley's book or purchase it for loved ones. As a coach and a player, she decided that she could write a book that she would have wanted to read as a kid because as a kid, all she wanted to read was this kind of book.

Stout – It – Out

Who: UW-Stout students

What: Teams of three students race across the UW-Stout campus while completing various challenges.

Why: Awards are given to the first five teams to complete the challenges and cross the finish line. The event is being hosted by Project Footsteps (<http://www.projectfootsteps.org/stoutitout>).

Where: Check-in is at Price Commons. The race is held on the UW-Stout campus.

When: Thursday, March 24. Check-in is from 1–3 p.m. The race begins at 3 p.m.

Body Image and Media: A Love-Hate Relationship

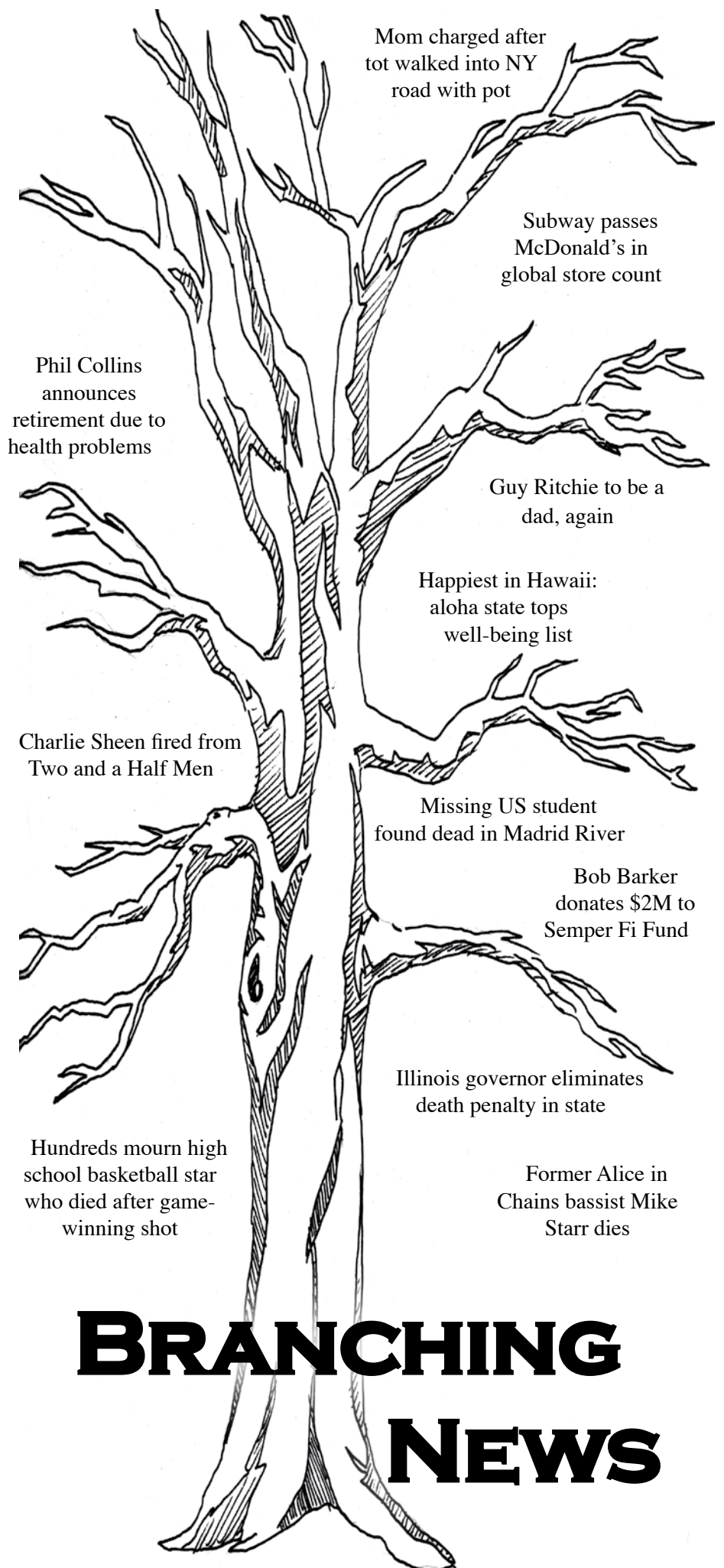
Who: UW-Stout students. Presentation by Renee D. Howarton, Ph.D.

What: A lecture intended to encourage students to thoughtfully question the sexual, violent and trivialized images they often see.

Why: Using a variety of examples, Dr. Howarton will discuss how the media influence us psychologically and emotionally and its potential impact on body image development in a media-driven world that is more fantasy than reality.

Where: Room 411 of Harvey Hall.

When: Tuesday, March 22 from 2:30–3:55 p.m.



BRANCHING NEWS

UW-Stout students prepare for spring break

Tiffany Willits
Staff Writer

As the days pass in March, most people are prepared for the snow to melt and for spring to arrive. It's the only time of year where the groundhog, one of nature's most benevolent creatures, is cursed on a daily basis. With massive amounts of snowfall in Wisconsin and Minnesota this winter, many students are wondering, "When will the snow melt?" The weather has been unpredictable with temperatures reaching the 40s one day and freezing temperatures the next. Spring break is right around the corner. Students will get a week off from his or her studies and some will be fortunate enough to escape the Midwest for a week.

Traveling costs more today than it has in the past. Five people crammed in a two-door car or SUV used to be a cost-effective method of getting away for the week. But with gas prices hitting \$3.60 per gallon, the cost of the trip can quickly escalate.

Airlines know this is a busy travel season, so it is difficult to find deals on airfare to warm destinations. Whatever the method of travel, everyone leaving Menomonie has a different reason for putting UW-Stout in their rearview mirror.

It seems the optimal spring break for college students is drinking on a beach with a huge group of people. Film and television, most notably MTV, have instilled this thought into the minds of young adults for the past couple decades. Even though what we see on MTV looks enticing, most college students have more subdued, down-to-earth spring break experiences.

"I am going to Panama City Beach and Tallahassee this year to visit my Army friends," said graduate student Dustin Wallace. "I'm looking forward to meeting up with my buddies and having a good time."

"This year I am going to Orlando with my best friend," said Jenna Roy, a senior majoring in psychology. "I'm looking to get away from the cold and to get somewhere warm. I can't wait—I have been counting down the days for awhile."

Some students will simply head back to their hometowns to work or see friends from high school. Some have more exciting adventures planned.

"I am going bungee jumping in Puerto Vallarta next week for spring break," said Emily Kotzya, a senior in hotel restaurant and tourism management. "I've already jumped out of a plane, so this is next on my list. I just love a good adrenaline rush."

Whether your spring break experience consists of partying, being a daredevil or simply eating some home-cooking that you've been dreaming of while sitting in the Merle M. Price Commons, just remember to travel safe. There should be some snow left in Menomonie waiting to greet you upon your return.



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A quick downtown turnaround

Jerad Maplethorpe
News Editor

Remember that four-story apartment building that was supposed to be built in the vacant Leever's lot? It is no longer being built, at least not by the same company. Cary Osborn, CEO of AHMC Asset Management of Eau Claire, Wis., announced on Tuesday, March 8 that Urban Land of Minneapolis had purchased the location a day after AHMC decided against developing the lot.

"The cloud of the Concerned Citizens lawsuit and the potential for additional delays from the appeals process prompted AHMC to transfer their interest and pursue other opportunities," said Osborn.

So far, the new developers have not announced their plans for the vacant location.

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Chancellor Sorensen's State Budget Discussion Sessions

Jerad Maplethorpe
News Editor

On March 7, 8 and 9, Chancellor Sorensen led a discussion about Gov. Walker's proposed 2011-2013 fiscal budget. Sorensen began by giving a short presentation on the new budget proposals and then welcomed students, faculty and staff to share their opinions. The three-day event drew approximately 600 attendees. Due to the popularity of the first two days, Wednesday's meeting was moved from Millennium Hall to Micheels Hall to accommodate a larger audience.

In regard to the University of Wisconsin-Stout's faculty wages and benefits, Gov. Walker's proposal does not include funding

available for state employee pay increases for the biennium, does not allow for furloughs after July 1, would increase the price of insurance to 12.6 percent of the premium and would increase pension to 5.8 percent of an employee's salary.

UW-Stout faculty and staff are not the only ones affected. The proposed budget adjusts tuition expenditure authority to allow for a 5.5 percent tuition increase each academic year. The funding provided is \$35.75 million in 2011-12 and an

additional \$35.75 million in 2012-13.

The following is a list of items that were neither funded nor approved:

- Recruitment and retention of faculty and academic staff

- Funding for the growth agenda
- Restoration of the 2 percent pay plan increase from June 2009
- Expand tuition authority for education quality initiatives
- Expand employee compensation authority
- Reduce procurement reporting requirements
- Expand procurement flexibility (although overall authority statewide increases)
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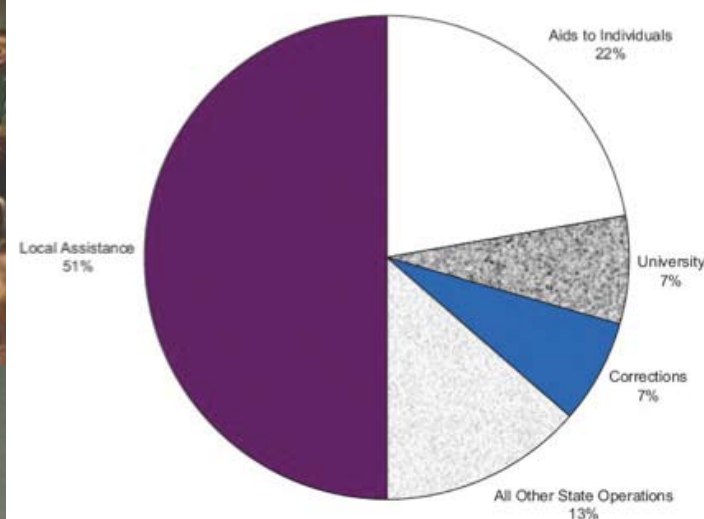
The governor has also recommended that the University of Wisconsin-Madison should create its own authority. This would mean the university would have full control over tuition and employee compensation, although it would have to comply with the

statutory requirements regarding employee benefits. The Board of Regents would also be required to submit a plan to the Department of Administration for the conversion of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee into an authority.

In regard to the entire UW-System, Gov. Walker stated that he wants other campuses to achieve some of the same flexibility being offered to UW-Madison.

"Throughout the budget process," said Gov. Walker, "I am open to working with lawmakers from both political parties on expanding this concept to the other campuses throughout the University of Wisconsin System."

For more information, visit <http://www.uw-stout.edu/statebudget/index.cfm>.



Courtesy of the UW-Stout website

Chancellor Sorensen's budget discussion spanned three days and drew in more than 600 attendees.

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Walker seeks to eliminate recycling in order to promote his trashiness

Robert Kampainen
Opinions Editor

The new governor has got a lot on his plate. And from the looks of things, it seems he has bitten off more than he can chew. We have all heard about the battle between Gov. Walker and the public sector unions, but he now has some new crowds gearing up to recycle his trashy proposals: the environmentalists, the National Waste Management Association and anyone else who believes the public sector has a role in preserving the natural environment.

Since 1995, the state of Wisconsin has mandated that every municipality provide a recycling service or program within the local community. To go along with this mandate, the state of Wisconsin subsidized a large portion for the implementation and operational costs of these programs. A total of \$32 million was subsidized this year to keep the operation of these recycling services running. To put things into perspective, recycling operation keeps four billion pounds of recyclables out of landfills annually.

So why are the environmentalists clamoring? It is because Gov. Walker's two-year budget proposal seeks to eliminate the state-wide mandate on each community to operate a recycling program and to eliminate all subsidies that go along with it. In 2010, the state of Wisconsin subsidized approximately 27 percent of the cost of the programs, which came out to be approximately \$29.3 million. That savings, Walker said, will go toward economic development. He was not clear about exactly where however.

State law already requires the public to dispose of recyclable goods. A first time violation is around \$50. If you're caught a second time, the violation is around \$200. Former gubernatorial candidate Tom Barrett called Walker's proposal "schizophrenic," saying "Here, you have the state telling governments you don't have to recycle any more, but the law also prohibits individuals from throwing things away." In essence, the state is saying one thing, and enforcing the opposite.

Wisconsin would be the first state in the nation to eliminate this recycling mandate, says Chaz Miller, Wisconsin programs director for the National Waste Management Association. Studies show that at least a third of the country's waste is now being recycled because of the mandates that have

been put in place.

This bewildering bill is leaving environmentalists in awe of Walker's ignorance toward a sustainable and recyclable future.

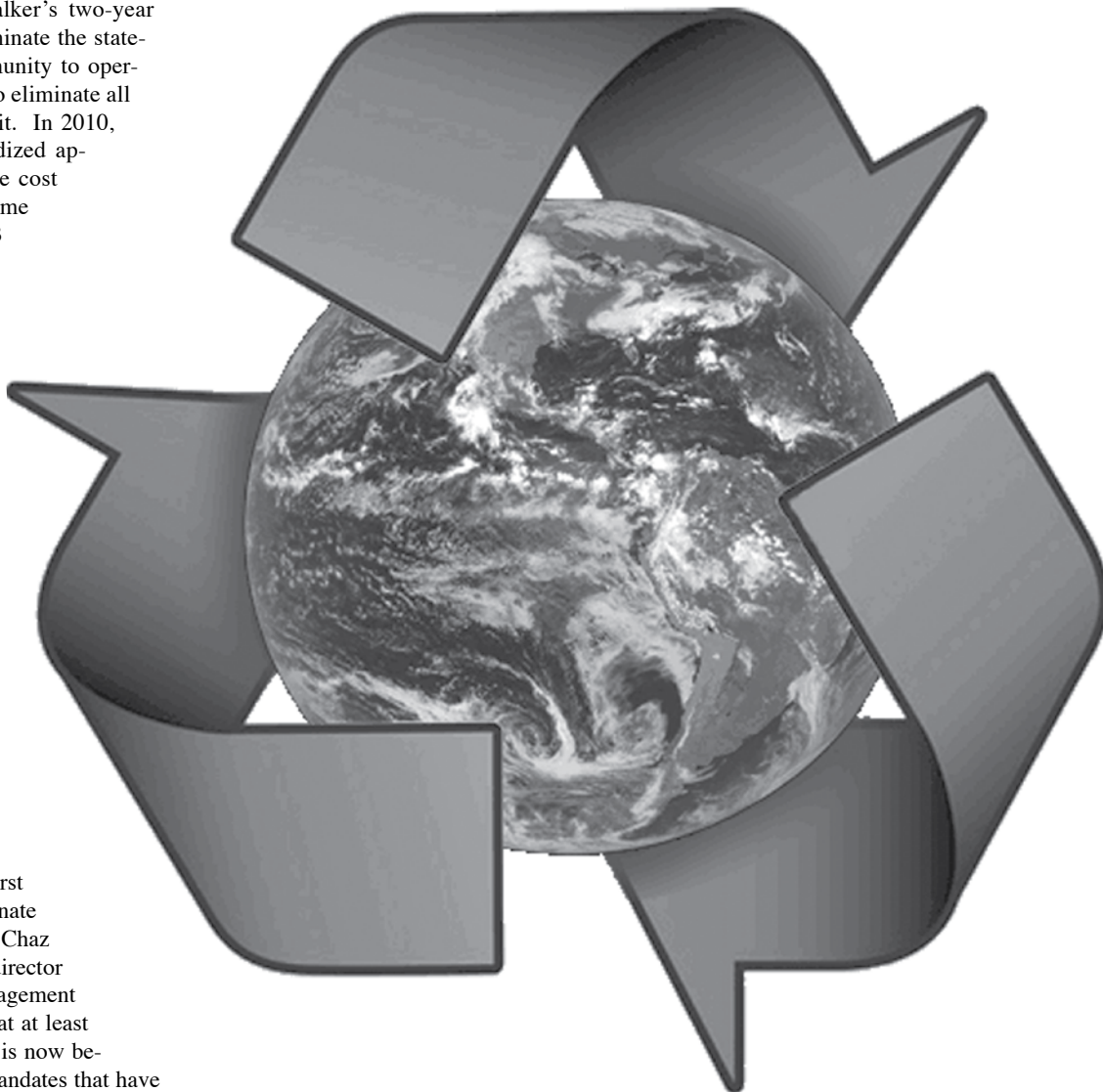
"Recycling is a no-brainer. It reduces waste, cuts pollution and creates jobs throughout Wisconsin," said Amber Meyer Smith, director of government relations at Clean Wisconsin. "Recycling is good for our environment and our economy, and this proposal represents a significant step backward for Wisconsin."

The truth of the matter is that humans produce an insane amount of trash— so much so that even an island of trash has formed in the Pacific Ocean between California and Hawaii. Yes, I know that's not from Wisconsin trash, but we all share the same planet; the environment is a public concern, not a private one. So, rather than eliminating the obligations of this indispensable public recycling service, we need to find more ways to improve and expand the recycling services that already exist.

Recycling, in every form, is perhaps the most important concept mankind needs to master if we are to sustain the luxuries of the 21st century

for generations to come. As our world population approaches 7 billion this year, our focus needs to be on the mitigation of our common consumption practices. Too often we fall victim to the notoriously prescribed proverb "out of sight, out of mind" when it comes to trash. When the garbage leaves your curb, the trash does not disappear— it merely gets shoved under the rug of the earth. If we are going to take any serious step forward in sustainability, we must be conscious of our consumption habits and always remember to keep what is out of sight in mind.

Recycling is an excellent use of time, energy and resources. It creates jobs, preserves the environment and fosters sustainability for future generations to come. This is the time to invest in the green future of our society, not put it up for grabs and hope the market can provide for the public good. If Gov. Walker remains ignorant in his negotiations regarding the future of recycling in Wisconsin, I have no doubt that Wisconsinites will make the right decision and recycle (recall) the governor.



A Pro-Walker Perspective

UW-Stout College Republicans

This really should come as no surprise right now to anyone in this state, but we have a massive budget deficit. It is not as severe as some states like California or New York, but Gov. Scott Walker is trying to make steps to fix the problem before it becomes something that we will not be able to repair. Over the last month or so, everyone has heard about Gov. Walker's Budget Repair Bill; it has pushed Madison into the frontline of a fight that will be taking place across the country between state government and unions.

Gov. Walker's bill is not just singling out unions, contrary to popular belief, but by far the most controversial parts of the bill are the sections concerning state worker benefits and collective bargaining rights. State worker salaries and benefits are paid, for the most part, by the Wisconsin taxpayers, and most of the state workers are employed in the private sector. Gov. Walker is simply asking the state workers to pay a small percentage for their pensions and all of the benefits that come with being a part of the different unions across this state. The percentage Gov. Walker is asking them to pay is still a fraction of what private sector workers have to pay.

You may have also heard that the union-backed workers are willing to pay for those things but do not want their collective bargaining rights taken away. The state workers seem to think they are going to be turned into slaves.

My personal favorite is how afraid teachers are of being paid based on merit or basically how well they teach their students. What a shocking idea— teachers whose job it is to teach and give the best education to the young people of this state are going to get paid based on how much their students learn; my mind is blown.

Unions have used their collective bargaining rights to manhandle the state into making them virtually untouchable, and they get what they want. People need to be willing to make changes. Everyone is feeling the pain of the economy we live in right now and just like everybody else, the state workers of Wisconsin need to be willing to help everyone by giving their fair share.

The guide to “winning” Stout

Some advice from a guy who is not the guy in the public eye

Chuck S.

Do you pride yourself as a bitchin’ rock star whose brain fires on all cylinders at all times of the day in a way that doesn’t conform to the rules of this terrestrial realm? Do you want to separate yourself from all the mundane middle-class trolls that surround you every day? Get ready to be exposed to magic, because I’m going to tell you how to win every single day at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

You’re at the Health and Fitness Center by 6 a.m. The only drug you need to get your adrenaline pumping is heavy dose of Vitamin U. Your workout makes the equipment sweat—not even Clay Matthews could keep up with you. Afterwards, you chain smoke, disregarding the hard work you’ve just done. Besides, that’s the past—on to bigger and better things. Bring it.

You take an 8 a.m. class every semester because sleeping is for weak, feeble-minded people. Arrive early to that 8 a.m. class and wait for the professor to walk in so you can tell him that you’re on a different level than he is and that you are, indeed, winning. Repeat this step for each class throughout the day.

Dinner happens at Zanzibar. Why, you ask? Because it’s

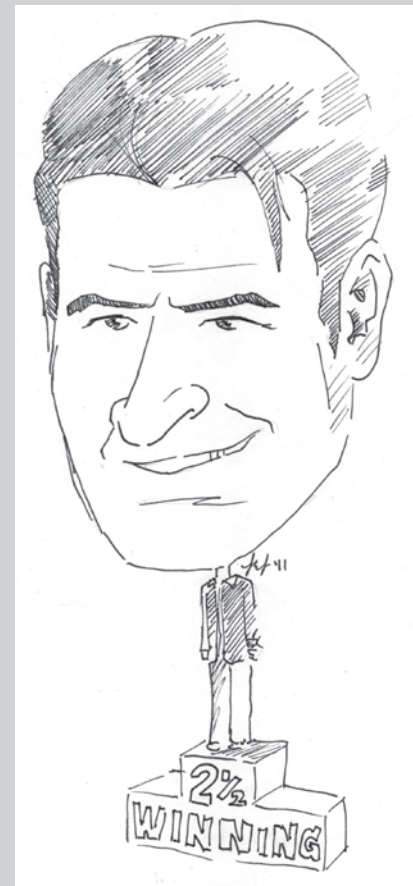
the most expensive place to eat in downtown Menomonie and the bartenders can mix you up a martini. Anything else would be uncivilized.

Next, you find a place to do karaoke. Choose a song by The Rolling Stones or Frank Sinatra and sing it so well that it makes those artists look like droopy-eyed, armless children.

The evening culminates with, you guessed it: Someplace Else. For those of you who don’t know what Someplace Else is, then you shouldn’t be following my advice, anyway. This is the most important part of the evening. There is a surplus of 21- to 24-year-old girls who are plenty ready to party and be positive female influences to children. Whether they have been nude on film or not has no pertinence to what type of mother they will make in the future. If they have, at least you know what you’re getting yourself into.

Not feeling so well the morning after this epic, radical evening you just had? I’ve got the medicine. All you need to do is blink your eyes and fix your brain; everyone has the power to do it. Remember, you only have one speed: Go.

So, ask yourself what kind of winning you want to do. Bi-winning? Tri-winning? Someday, with enough practice, you could even be dodeca-winning. (That means 12).



Lenn Soderlund/Stoutonia

Anonymous: Transparent force for good

Lauryn Seering

Sports Editor

It’s a story that is taken right out of a science-fiction book: a renegade group of cyberhackers called “hactivists” taking on corporations and governments that they believe inhibit freedom of speech. The most powerful group calls themselves Anonymous, and they have the power to back up their threats.

This ability was demonstrated last year when the group sent illegal DDoS (Denial-of-Service) attacks against websites that denied Wikileaks support. The DDoS attack renders a server incapable of handling users and shuts down websites. The group attacked the websites of some of the top financial institutions, including Visa, Mastercard, and Paypal for their refusal to release Wikileaks funds.

Groups like Anonymous help protect freedom of speech and democracy. Since they back whistleblowers like Wikileaks and attack governments that censor information from their people, they are a realistic hope for investigative journalism in the digital age. Some people have called them hackers, but there is a difference between hackers and hactivists. Hackers are usually individuals who forcefully enter networks in an attempt to cause harm, but the Anonymous DDoS attacks are simply another form of protesting. The attacks may drop websites for a while, but they generally do not dam-

age the site.

These coercive methods, however, have raised intense speculation and persecution. Fox News even labeled the group, “Snotty, zit-faced cyberterrorists.” They have also been called un-American and un-democratic, but that is simply not the case.

If you look at the bigger picture—what they attack and why—there is a nexus that stems from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

“Our battle is one of ideas, and as we speak it is being fought and won in the hearts and minds of the worlds honest citizenry.”

Anonymous reared its head during the 2011 Egyptian protests, disabling the websites related to Egyptian Ministry of Information and the former President Hosni Mubarak. The Egyptian government had banned sites like Twitter and Facebook in an attempt to stop the organizing capabilities of the people. Anonymous also had a hand in protests against the Zimbabwe government and the Tunisian government. It targets groups who try to outlaw the creation of transparent governments.

“These governments believe they have the

right and privilege to impose upon their own people an ‘official’ version of ‘reality’ which isn’t in any way tampered by the truths of everyday life under which its citizens are living,” the group said in a press release. “Anonymous believes this is an outright crime which cannot go unpunished. Our battle is one of ideas, and as we speak it is being fought and won in the hearts and minds of the world’s honest citizenry.”

The French writer Victor Hugo once wrote,

“One can resist invading armies, one cannot resist an invasion of ideas.” With the advent of the Internet, ideas have become globalized.

The DDoS attacks may be illegal, but their purpose is not malicious. Anonymous is trying to show governments that if the people standing outside screaming are not enough, maybe dropping their websites is a little incentive to listen to demands.

So what relevance does Anonymous have in Wisconsin? Well, on Feb. 28, the billionaire Koch brothers were targeted by Anonymous.

They have been a strong financial backer to Gov. Scott Walker. According to a press release by Anonymous, the brothers would directly benefit from one of the aspects of the bill, since one of their main industries is heating and a small clause in the bill gives corporations the ability to buy up state heating plants through a no-bid contract. This would allow them to create an energy monopoly around the state.

The press release against Koch stated, “Anonymous hears the voice of the downtrodden American people, whose rights and liberties are being systematically removed one by one, even when their own government refuses to listen.”

It is important to not sit idly by when injustice is occurring, and I feel that in the case of Walker, it is. I do not support any of his ultimatums or arrest warrants against the Democratic senators or his refusal to listen to the thousands of voices opposing him in Madison. Walker’s bill has shown itself to not be in the interest of anyone besides big business. The best way to protest against Walker right now is to protest against companies owned by people like the Koch brothers, companies that Walker is trying to protect at the cost of state employees.

Anonymous has stated that the best way for an everyday person to get at the Koch brothers is to kick ‘em where it hurts, which is why I urge you to boycott Koch products.

Disasta' From Alaska

Marc Anderson

Contributing Writer/Cartoonist

In the world of pop culture, it is the case more often than not to see an undeserving drama queen capture the attention of a large portion of the population. Pandering to less intelligent and less reasonable notions that we all share is an effective route, and I would assert that renegades like Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan have exploited this. These misguided women have a perpetual sense of entitlement everywhere they go, even when out at bars. Excuse me, but that was supposed to read, "behind bars."

While many divas and divadudes discover their spotlights in tabloids and viral Internet sex tapes (viral as in popular—I'm not a doctor), there are those who venture into less glamorous realms. My favorite of these seemingly maverick people is, of course, Sarah Palin. No, the beloved ex-governor from Alaska didn't come from the ranks of Ms. Hilton or Ms. Lohan, but her popularity does similarly come into question.

During the 2008 Presidential Campaign, Sarah Palin grew from obscurity, captivating a nation with her small town charm, if such a phrase may be applied. There is something to be said about charm. It worked for Barack Obama, but in his case, there was a bit more substance to his character. You know, knowledge of things outside of Alaska, things that are more pertinent to a political discourse. How, then, is it that Sarah Palin could amass such a large and passionate following?

I thought it would help my understanding of the phenomenon that is Palin if I were to listen to her book "Going Rogue" on audio while doing sketches illustrating Palin's rise to fame. After a grueling nine hours, I came away with a new view of Palin, and I began to make heads or tails of



Marc Anderson/Stoutonia

Palin's lowest form of pandering came as nonsensical attacks on Barack Obama. She wasn't too proud to stoop to question the validity of his birth certificate, accusing Obama of "pallin' around with terrorists" and eventually that whole socialist witch hunt.

It kind of makes you think back to McCarthyism—only this time it's a little less intense and a lot more what-the-hell-can-she-really-be-serious? I can't say Mrs. Palin would have been wily enough to come up with the socialist accusations on her own; she had plenty of help from talking heads like Glenn Beck, Rush Limbaugh and Bill O'Reilly. Yes,

I know, Rush is a radio "entertainer," but I just pictured him as a floating, talking head, and it made me chuckle.

what drew people to her. Throughout the book, Palin makes biblical references and constantly praises God for just about anything. I have no quarrel with her as a religious individual; I admire that kind of conviction. However, it's easy to see how her Christian faith completely shapes her political views. If I want to listen to a sermon for nine hours, as a general rule, I don't turn on CSPAN, yet that is not the case for many on the religious right. Religion—and all of the political ideologies that tend to come with it—was perhaps the first aspect to suck people into "Going Rogue".

Another appeal might have been her good looks and MILF persona. As far as I know, there isn't a sex tape of Palin circling the Inter-

net, but there's a plethora of creatively titled adult films involving the Palin name. Some have a pretty good look-a-like, or so I've heard. I'm not one to judge, but if looks alone have garnered any of your support for Palin, you and I are no longer friends.

The one thing that the aforementioned trio and—through some imbecilic form of the trickle-down effect—Sarah Palin do particularly well is fear mongering. Was Barack Obama born in the United States? Of course he was, and how that fact was ever seriously questioned is beyond me. Is Obama Muslim? Well, apparently 20 percent of the population seems to think so, but with any research beyond Fox News, you can easily find out that he's a Christian. And the big ticket item: is Barack Obama a socialist? Well, you get the picture.

This sort of defamation keeps Palin supporters chomping at the bit and, as was evident in the last midterm election, may be contagious. Better grab some more Purell and maybe some bleach—I think someone breathed hot air on my shirt. Granted, the latest presidential election results stemmed around much more complex issues. It's been Palin's boisterous, drunk chick at a party volume that has indeed left its lasting mark.

While Sarah Palin is somehow maintaining the spotlight for now, I can't see her endurance lasting too long. When I start to get concerned about the popularity of Palin, I just say to myself, "Self, Sarah 'The Maverick Diva Who Went Rogue' Palin will most likely make some sort of run for the Presidency by 2012." And I think even her most devout followers and I could share the sentiment that President Palin are two words that should never be spoken together. Ever. Amen.



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EMILY BROWNSON

Age: 21

Major: Graphic Design

Minor: Spanish

Year in School: Senior

Expected graduation date: December, 2011

Hometown: Oshkosh, Wis.

Career goals: To design for a company that is making a positive impact on the world.

Life goals: To live fully and do something that is helpful to others.

Design philosophy: It's important to have strong concepts and reasons behind your design choices but never forget to be playful.

**Emily's Showcase: "One-A-Day"**

Emily takes her talent outside of the classroom and has applied it to her own personal photography project that she has been working on for approximately 180 days and counting.

"Right now, I'm doing a thing where I take a picture every day and upload it to Facebook, and that's been really awesome," said Brownson. "This is one of the first times I've done something for myself because I really wanted to."

Emily's "One-A-Day" project was inspired by her favorite One-A-Day photo of a sunflower field. The photo sparked her interest to continue her work because she had already been considering it. The image was produced by a gift from her cousin, an Olympus E520 digital camera.

"I was driving to Madison to see my sister and out of nowhere, there was this amazing field of sunflowers," said Brownson. "So, I decided I needed to pull over. Conveniently, I had my camera, so I was able to capture that moment. That one [photo] sparked the whole thing. It made me realize that there's so much beauty everywhere that we walk past every single day. I should be appreciating it and I have the means to. I have this really awesome camera - I should be using it."

There's nothing like real life experiences for inspiration in Brownson's photos. On day 12, Brownson captured a photo of an angry looking cat.

"I was visiting my friend in Minnesota, and we were dropping her back off and there was this cat outside her apartment building and it was just standing there like a statue," said Brownson. "It was so creepy and angry-looking."

What will Brownson be working on next?

"Whatever finds me," Brownson said.



Emily Brownson/Contributed Photos

Meet Emily Brownson, a student in the graphic design program at the University of Wisconsin-Stout with a Spanish minor for "the fun of it."

What was Brownson's early creative influence? Her tool of choice was a glittery glue gun.

"As a kid I was always making stuff," said Brownson, "such as, weird things out of toilet paper rolls and a hot glue gun. My cousins had this glittery hot glue gun, I haven't seen glittery hot glue sticks since."

With Adobe Illustrator as her sidekick today, Brownson has been winning design contests. In 2010, Brownson won best of graphic design for a coffee shop logo she submitted to the Best of Design show here at UW-Stout.

"We were put into groups and had to pick a name in 20 minutes - my group chose 'Far Away,'" said Brownson, "We all went in different directions with it. Mine was youthful and playful; you could come into this coffee shop and feel far away from the stresses of everyday life in society."

Brownson's other recognized works at Best of Design include her cardboard animal, "Harold the Snail" in 2009, her Type in Motion project in 2010, and her Letterform project in 2008.

Brownson starts her design work by thinking critically about the task at hand.

"I have to really sit down and think about what I'm doing, otherwise I get really distracted by things," said Brownson. "Once I start designing, I listen to music a lot, but at first I need to be in my own little world because music can be really distracting."

Brownson explains that the first step of critical thinking is vital to a project.

"For design, it really needs to be concept-driven before you make it look cool," said Brownson. "Design intrinsically needs to convey meaning."

When designing, Brownson enjoys listening to the band Pretty Lights "because all the songs kind of blend together and time kind of passes," said Brownson. Rogue Wave and Relient K are a couple of her favorites, too.

Spring Break... for those of us who are staying put

Andrew Vogl
Entertainment Editor

Are you going somewhere warm and exotic for spring break? Good for you. We hope you come back with sunburns and cornrows so we can make fun of you. For the rest of us who are staying in the frigid Midwest, the Stoutonia is here to help you have a more entertaining break than those clowns in Mazatlan. Here are some of the events going on in Menomonie and the surrounding area during spring break to help keep your mind from slipping into the daily torpor and off the fact that you are still stuck in the snow.

Menomonie

Open Mic

Thursday, March 18, 7:30 p.m.
Acoustic Café, Menomonie, Wis.
Free

Come to watch or showcase your own talent. Singers, dancers, jugglers, magicians, comedians, speakers; all are welcome.

Tim Sparks and Phil Heywood

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MARVEL VS. CAPCOM 3 REVIEW

Hassan Javaid
Staff Writer

What happens when one of the world's largest comic book publishers works with one of the world's most popular game companies? It was that very question that fathered the series known as "Marvel vs. Capcom." Here was a series of games where you could pit a Hadoken against Cyclops's optic beam or take on the Hulk with Blanca. It was every gamer's and comic book fan's dream come true.

After two superb games and a decade-long hiatus comes the third entry in the "MvC" series, "Marvel vs. Capcom 3." This latest entry gives the series a much needed upgrade in virtually every aspect.

The first thing you'll notice about "MvC3" is the new, shiny coating of graphical marvel (no pun intended) that has been applied to the game's visuals. The game looks beautiful, the characters are very recognizable and the art style has a fresh, ink-like feel to it.

Coming along for the ride are some really amazing-looking attack animations and flashy effects. "MvC3" takes the action, flashiness and epicness of fighting games and puts it on steroids.

The core battle system is pretty similar to the first game. You get a team of three characters that fight against a team of three opponents. Characters can be switched on the fly in the middle of a match, and using your teammate assists is still a big part of the game. The game has a much simpler battle scheme that makes attack combos very easy to execute. The combos may actually be too easy to execute, allowing for button mashers to go wild with crazy, random button pressing that translates into beautiful attacks.

New to the game is a simple mode, which simplifies the button scheme to one button for combos, one for special moves and one for super combos. The new, simplified control scheme and the simple mode definitely make "MvC3" the most accessible game in the series and perhaps the most accessible fighting game in general.

For a fan-favorite game such as this, getting the characters down is everything, and the folks over at Capcom have done an amazing

job making each character play and feel like how you'd imagine them to be. Spider-Man is fluid, fast and agile, Wolverine is monstrous and quick and the more recent Capcom characters like Chris Redfield and Dante play amazingly well. This is a game that loves its characters. It lives and breathes through them. The voice acting, animations and nearly everything about the characters is picture perfect.

While the presentation and character likeness of the series has been one of the things that players have been yearning for in the last 10 years, the lack of power balance between the characters has been slightly less desirable.

The major issue with the "Marvel vs. Capcom" series has been that a

few strong characters in the games have always been able to dominate the majority of the cast. In an attempt to fix this, the guys over at Capcom have actually tried to "break" every character and turn them into a powerhouse. It hardly seems like the perfect solution, but this brave and daring attempt at balancing the game kind

of works. That one combo finisher that Sentinel could do in "MvC2" is now something literally every character has the potential to do. Every character is overpowered, making them all pretty close in power to one another.

Indeed, "MvC3" does feel slightly more balanced, but it doesn't exactly fix the power of overpowered characters. Some characters are as overpowered as they used to be, still towering over the rest despite the upgrades made to them. To counteract even that, a new

system called the "X Factor Mode" has been added to spice things up.

At any time during a match, a player can activate X-Factor mode by pressing all four attack buttons at once. In this mode, your character starts glowing red, doubling his attack power and eliminating chip damage. The trick is to use this ability as a last resort, as it gets

stronger with the fewer characters and less health you have left. This makes for one of the most interesting and unique comeback mechanics to be added to fighting games in a while.

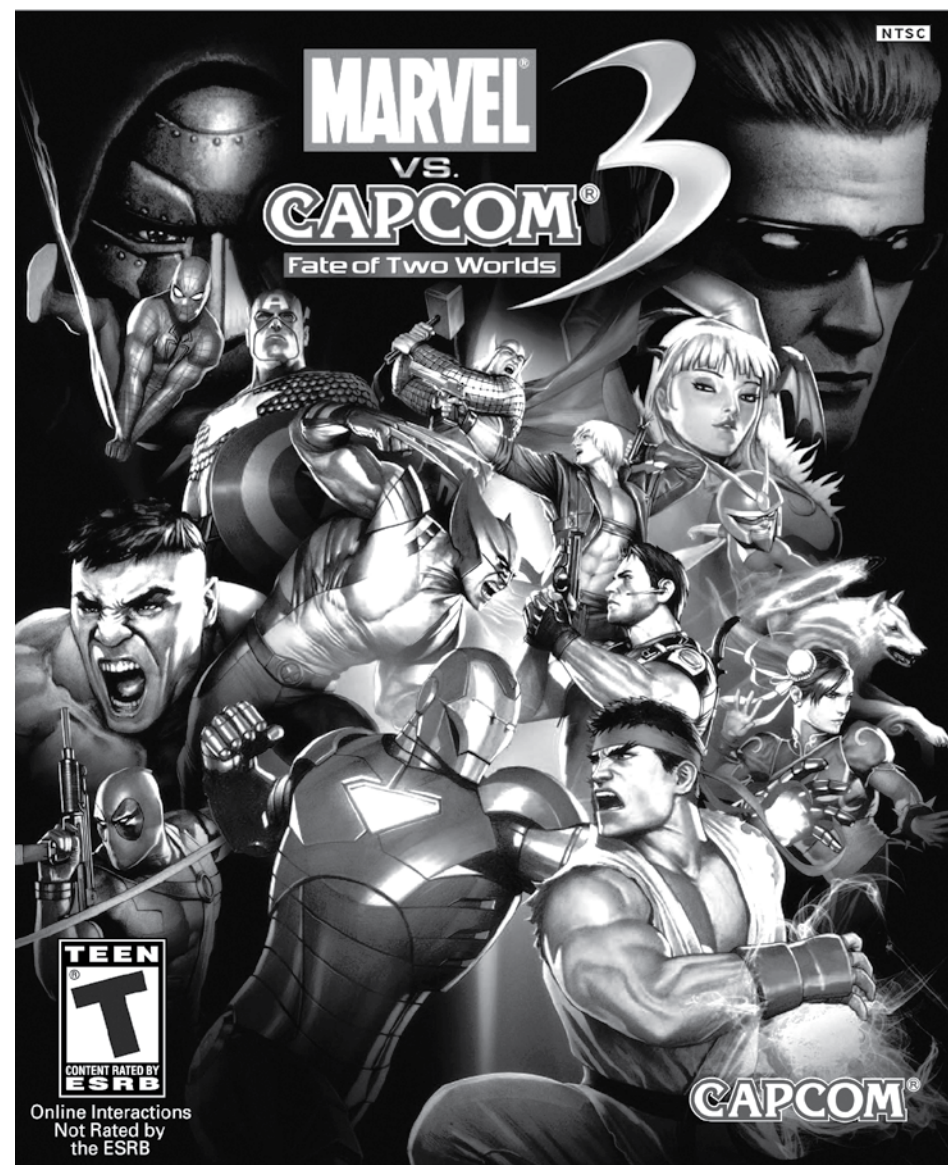
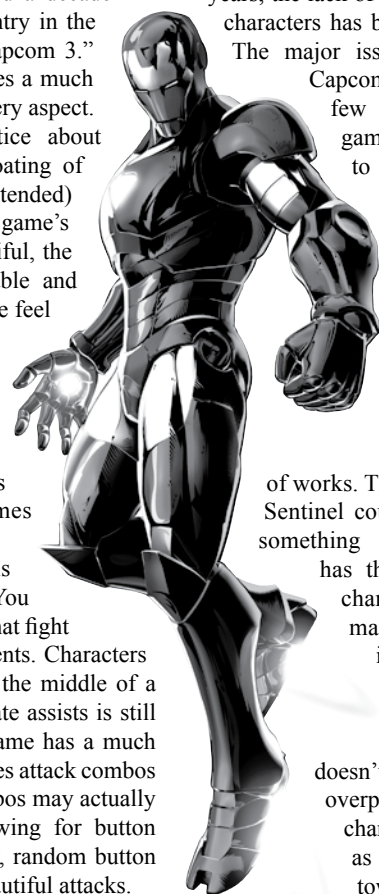
No one will contest to the quality of gameplay in "MvC3," as the game is beyond fun. However, being a \$60 game, "MvC3" leaves a lot to be desired. The game only has an arcade and versus mode, with the story/campaign mode very noticeably absent, something that's become a staple of the fighting game genre. The only story is really in the form of a short comic strip style ending that each character gets at the end of arcade mode. This is definitely a game aimed at the hardcore fighting game fan, as there are no extra modes, bonus content or anything beyond the core fighting experience.

At the end of it all, one finds that "Marvel vs. Capcom 3" is a very fun game with a ton of depth that hardcore and new players alike will enjoy. At the same time, there are some balance issues and the game is a bit barebones, favoring a more traditional approach to fighting games and ignoring current conventions of the genre. With a few faults, it is still the most solid and



accessible gameplay system in quite some time. "Marvel Vs. Capcom 3" is definitely recommended to fans of the fighting game genre.

Rating: ★★★★★☆



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THERE'S A NEW THEATER IN TOWN!

Roseanne Meier
Staff Writer

Attention all moviegoers: Menomonie's budget theater is now open. State Cinema 4 on Broadway Street offers show times daily with a rotating selection of four films.

"There was trouble with the fire inspection because of ice hanging on the building," said General Manager Dana Neil.

The issue was completely resolved, and the theater doors opened on Feb. 6.

There are plans for new seats to be installed in early summer, or at least before the end of 2011. However, there doesn't seem to be much of a need for new seating. The current seating is old but is cushioned and comfortable.

Ticket prices have dropped since the opening from \$5 to \$4 for adults, or \$3.50 for a matinee and children 12 and under.

Right now, State Cinema 4 is "running projectors through and getting our feet on the ground," said Neil.

The theater has four large screens that each offer a different movie with "one switching every week to every other week," said Neil.

The theater will not switch out the films "No Strings Attached" and "Tangled" for a while because of their popularity. Only one show time at 7 p.m. is available Monday through Thursday, and Friday through Sunday offers



three show times.

State Cinema 4 has kept its promise by showing an independent film filmed in Wisconsin, "Feed the Fish." Neil would like to show more independent films in the future.

The video and sound quality were nothing short of anything you would expect to find on the opposite side of town at CineMagic Theater. The only shortcoming of and annoyance at State Cinema 4 is the air temperature in theater one. The theater's largest screening room has the heater turned on high and still only reaches a frigid 60 degrees because of the poorly insulated walls. Summer weather promises a more comfortable experience.

Absolutely no carry-ins are allowed at the theater, but there is a variety of reasonably priced snacks, popcorn and homemade pizza. Candy prices range from \$1 to \$3 and popcorn and drink combinations start at \$5. The cinema delivers its homemade pizzas to your table in approximately 20 to 30 minutes.

On Thursday, March 3, I had the pleasure of enjoying State Cinema 4's homemade pizza while viewing "Sanctum" in theater one. The pizza was delivered on time as promised, 25 minutes into the film. It was enjoyable to have a hot meal while watching cave explorers sink into icy waters.

I chose to order the 10-inch pizza with

cheese, pepperoni and bacon for toppings at the reasonable price of \$8. The only toppings available were pepperoni, sausage, and bacon, but the bacon was freshly made, chopped and baked into the pizza. The pizza was covered with the perfect amount of cheese that left a stringy trail when bitten into and a thin layer of the ziestest pizza sauce that your taste buds will thank you for.

Don't worry, vegetable lovers. An employee said that vegetables are on order and should be in shortly. The 10-inch pizza was definitely worth it and can easily feed three adults. Or, you can spend \$2 more and get the 12-inch pizza. Either way, I recommend coming to the theater hungry.

State Cinema 4 plans on offering cheese bread and garlic bread in the future.

Neil said that, so far, the general feedback about the theater from the public has been pretty good. You can expect the doors of the cinema to be open approximately 30 minutes before the start of the show. Visit the website for more details at: www.statetheatres.com or call 715-235-5733.

Currently showing at the State Cinema 4...

Rosie's Review

Sanctum

Rating: ★★★★★☆

Roseanne Meier
Staff Writer

"Sanctum" takes you into the depths of one of the earth's most unexplored wonders: caves. The film begs the question, "What's the worst that could happen in a cave?" The film certainly delivers an answer.

A crew of determined adventurers and caving experts explore a massive cave system in Papua New Guinea when a large storm hits, flooding the cave and trapping the crew inside. One member, expert caver Frank (Richard Roxburgh), has years of experience under his belt, which creates tension among the rest of the crew. His son, Josh (Rhys Wakefield), never understood his father's lifestyle until the two are forced into a survival situation together. With the odds against the crew, it is a race against the clock to find a way out of the cave before it takes their lives.

Runtime: 1 hr 48 min
Box Office: \$9,447,030
Rated: R

The story line is predictable before the crew even launches themselves down the cave. It's easy to guess the order in which the cave swallows up each individual of the crew. And as for the ending, your assumptions are also probably right on target.

However, the scenes are still dramatic and intense enough to keep you on the edge of your seat, or hiding behind your hands when your stomach starts to turn – think "Saw."

The most memorable thing about the film is the spectacular images of lush forest and beautiful cave structure. The underwater cave scenes will spark your imagination as if you've explored the unknown as well.

Watching "Sanctum" at the cinema was truly an interactive experience. Because theater one is the largest theater at State Cinema 4, it's also the most difficult to heat. At around 60 degrees, it truly feels as if you are sliding between rocks and diving into the icy waters of a cave.



Andrew Vogl/Stoutonia



Local community theater thrives on student involvement

Dana Ostertag
Staff Writer

Broadway musicals, flashing lights and the big city are not exactly what you picture when you hear the word “Menomonie.” But tucked away in this quaint, charming location lies the Menomonie Theater Guild (MTG). To college students, the MTG may give the appearance of a small-town theater company, but what many do not realize are the vast opportunities within the MTG that await University of Wisconsin-Stout students of all ages, talents and majors.

In previous years, the MTG typically had a main season of three productions. That main season has now expanded to a total of four outstanding productions.

“Part of the reason [for four productions] is so we could push the envelope of some of our productions,” said Executive Director of the MTG Blaine Halverson. “We could do something a little more edgy while still giving our traditional audience three shows they could count on.”

But that isn’t all; youth programming has greatly expanded in the last couple of years. What do these expansions say about this “small town theater company?” It may not be so “small town” after all.

When asked which areas of the MTG UW-Stout students can become involved with, Halverson said, “Oh, everything you can imagine! Everyone has some sort of creative talent that needs to find an outlet. Helping people find outlets for their creative passions and discovering talents that they didn’t know they had is what I enjoy most about the MTG.”

Halverson became involved with the MTG as a young child. Throughout his childhood and on into his teenage years, he participated in several productions. In 2005, he was hired on as president of the MTG. Shortly thereafter, he became the executive director of the MTG in 2009.

Currently working on two upcoming production sensations, Halverson is always looking for fresh faces, eager volunteers and new talents. The first show is a youth production of an original version of “Snow White,” written by Halverson himself. This youth production will be a three-week after-school program starting March 21, with the performance three weeks later. The second production entitled “All I Ever Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten,” is based on a series of novels by Robert Fulghum.

“It is a really meaningful, sweet vignette show full of short skits, monologs and songs. It is really life-affirming and not a story, per say,” said Halverson.

Each of these shows will be performed in the historic Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts, which to many UW-Stout students is yet another hidden and often

overlooked Menomonie marvel.

“It’s easy to get so in the rut of school that you can be in a town for four years and hardly get to know the town; so many students walk by the Mabel Tainter every day and don’t even know what it is,” said Halverson. “My hope is that I can help students connect to this place while they are here during this time, give them something they will always think back upon. It will maybe make this a little special part of the town they went to college in.”

How UW-Stout students can get involved:

Graphic design majors needed:

Graphic design of posters, flyers, programs and marketing projects

Apparel design &

Development majors needed:

Costume design

Volunteer hours helping costume chairperson sort/re-organize costume room

Tech majors needed:

Scene/set design

Lighting design

Sound design

Summer help needed:

Opportunities for experienced students to assist with an after school children’s mentorship program

Production cast features little kids and older teens/adults. Older teens/adults pair up with the children to put on a show together. Older teens/adults are responsible for helping the child learn their lines/character and developing a friendship

Other ways to support and help:

Attend shows

Become an usher

Organize fundraisers

If interested, contact the MTG via e-mail: menomonietheaterguild@hotmail.com or by phone: 715-235-2228. Also, make sure to check out the MTG on Facebook for current news and updates.



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Third annual spring fling on the ice

Morgan Pfaller
Staff Writer

On Saturday, March 5, the University of Wisconsin-Stout Disc Golf Club held its third annual fundraiser, the Spring Fling on the Ice tournament, at the Waterfront Bar & Grill. The event encouraged students and disc golf enthusiasts from the Menomonie, Wis. area to brave the wind and play a round of disc golf all day Saturday. The event was held below the bar on a 12-hole temporary course on and around Lake Menomin.

The weather was a cool 20 degrees Fahrenheit as participants arrived around noon on Saturday. To ease the pace of the game, the group of 13 members split into three teams and began a staggered start tee-off around 1 pm. The tournament continued



throughout the afternoon and ended in the early evening with participants enjoying a band and raffle prizes at the Waterfront.

The Spring Fling event is held twice a year as a fundraiser for equipment and course maintenance for the UW-Stout Disc Golf Club. The first tournament of the year was held on Jan. 29, however, this weekend's tournament attracted a bigger crowd than the first as disc golf enthusiasts were eager to get out and play in the warmer weather.

"Disc golf is more of a spring and fall sport, but it can be fun to get out on the ice and play a few games," said Jason Hendrickson, head of the club.

"The first rule of playing disc golf out on the ice and snow is to avoid using a white disc if at all possible," said Steve Kinde, a disc golf enthusiast. "The second rule is to drive angry and putt like you don't care."

Sure enough, all of the players brought their highlighter-colored discs to play the Closest to the Pin (CTP) Challenge contest.

The event drew participants from River Falls Wis., the Twin Cities and the Menomonie area. Players were encouraged to pre-register at Simple Sports or on the day of the event at the Waterfront, and there was both a \$10 entry fee for the men's and women's divisions. Team members were entered in a raffle for prizes such as T-shirts and discs. Waterfront offered a \$5 lunch special which included beer, brats, chips and beans for anyone attending the tournament.

Most participants were not members of the UW-Stout Disc Golf Club, though they enjoy the sport and wanted to support the organization and encourage more UW-Stout students to get out and play disc golf this spring.

"It's a fun way to get outside when the weather is nice and enjoy some physical activity after being cooped up all winter," said Hendrickson. "There are no talent expectations [in this tournament].

It's a great way to raise some money, hang out and have some good times."

To keep the tournament running smoothly and the final score simple, all twelve holes were par three. First prize went to Steven Kinde from Boyceville Wis., who finished two under par, was awarded a \$25 Waterfront gift certificate. Peter Tourdot from Sun Prairie, Wis. took second place and won a \$15 gift certificate. Third place went to Patrick Healy from River Falls with a \$10 Waterfront gift certificate. There was also a special prize for last place, a \$10 gift certificate, awarded to Jordan Daymond from River Falls. Besides the gift certificates, the club also gave out a diverse selection of raffle prizes. A few hours after the tournament ended, the band Shoeless Revolution played live at the Waterfront for customers and tournament participants.

The disc golf tournament began three years ago when Jason Davis, Waterfront owner, contacted the club about working together to host a fundraiser out on Lake Menomin. The Waterfront is a popular place to hold winter sports tournaments for students and people in the Menomonie area.

Taking advantage of the ice covered lake, the tavern encourages people to take on the cold weather and come together for some healthy sports competition. The tournament is also a great way for the bar to attract customers and to help gain interest in disc golf, as the club is always happy to introduce the sport to as many people as possible.

"I think the tournament went quite smoothly, and we're excited for some new things we'll be adding to the event next year," said Hendrickson.

"Right now, most disc golfers are in hibernation, but as soon as we get the first good snow melt and temperatures start to rise, the courses will be filling up again."

Now that the disc golf tournament is over, the UW-Stout Disc Golf Club will hopefully be back out on the course at the end of the month, weather permitting. This is just one of the many events that club members attend throughout the year, winter leagues and collegiate events are among the other events. The Spring Fling event gives disc golf enthusiasts a chance to "get their feet wet" and tune up their skills before the spring season.

If you missed the disc golf tournament, you still have a chance to get in on all the fun. The Wisconsin Amateur Disc Golf Championship is being held April 16-17 in Menomonie. The club will also be moving forward with various Brickyard course upgrade projects such as benches, brush control and signage. The club will be working with the Menomonie Middle School to install cement tee pads and new tee signs around the school's course, all thanks to a \$4,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Dunn County.

If you are looking for a new activity to join in the spring, keep an eye out for the UW-Stout Disc Golf Club

The UW-Stout Disc Golf Club would like to thank Rory Feddersen from Simple Sports and Jason Davis from the Waterfront.

Top Right: A participant eyes down the basket

Below: There were clear skies for the Spring Fling on Ice!

Michael Grevas / Stoutonia



Profile: UW-Stout Figure Skating Club

Jodi Larson
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Figure Skating Club hosted its annual show on Friday, March 5. The girls hit the ice showing off their skating skills with axles and sow cows of varying degrees of difficulty. The choreography and music selections are all done by the club members themselves. The Figure Skating Club prepares for the show from the beginning of October all the way until the main event in March.

The club offers training in various figure skating moves. It also presents a chance to perform learned skills throughout the season at an annual skate show. The club works on spins, jumps, footwork and other intricate and challenging moves.

No prior experience is needed to join the club—it welcomes all levels of experience. Even athletes who have never skated before and are looking for a fun club to become active in can join. The team is willing to coach anyone who is willing to give skating a try.

For the past three years, the club has held practices with a show at the end of the season. It is currently working toward becoming a synchronized skating team, which would allow it to compete collegiately against other UW-System schools. The club needs at least eight girls to be interested in competing to organize a synchronized skating team. It is hoping to get a team together for next year.

"I've been skating for 12 years and wanted to continue into my college career," President

Kelsie Suppes, an early childhood education major, said. "Because the club is small, everyone is really close, helpful and eager to coach other athletes. The practices are low key and provide a fun atmosphere to skate in. Many of the girls on the team have been skating for a majority of their life, and those who still want to continue into their college years are more than welcome to come and practice with the club."

The UW-Stout Figure Skating club gives an opportunity for students to continue to skate after high school.

"When we go to practice it's not really serious; we goof around and have fun skating with each other," said Jackie Winnekins, a sophomore psychology major. "We make a lot of new friends. You don't need to know how to skate to join. If you are interested in figure skating, you are welcome to come and learn. Everyone is always willing to help each other learn and progress."

The club generally stays in the Menomonie area, but some members do visit their home ice rinks or nearby ice arenas to practice.

One event the club participates in is coaching at a figure skating school for young athletes in Barron, Wis.

Although the Figure Skating Club is done for the season, members would love to see more athletes come next year and help make the club a success. The club practices every Tuesday night at the Dunn County Ice Arena from 9:15-10:15 p.m. The cost of joining the club is \$25 for the whole season, which begins in October and lasts until the show in March.

Robert Kuehl

This senior from St. Paul, Minn. is an engineering technology major and plays defense for the University of Wisconsin-Stout hockey team.

"My time is real structured with practice and class so I don't have a lot of free time, I learned early on that when I have homework, I need to do it as soon as possible and not



put it off," Kuehl said. "Sports have also taught me a hard work ethic that I also apply to school. I was looking into going into the engineering field, and Stout was a school that offered a four-year engineering program. I knew that I wanted to play college hockey, and I wanted to play somewhere my parents would be able to come and see me play. In four years, I don't think they missed more than one game. My competitive hockey days are over, however, someday I would like to play recreationally and also someday, maybe, coach. I am actively looking for a job, so that's somewhat nerve racking because I am also getting married in May."



The Figure Skating team raises their hands together for the curtain call.

Rachel Stocker/ Stoutonia



Women's softball coach explains training methods

Andrew Liddell
Staff Writer

For most students and staff at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, the upcoming Spring Break will mean getting some much-needed rest. However for the women's softball team, it will be anything but restful.

From March 12 to 19, the UW-Stout women's softball team will be playing Bethel University, Concordia University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Salve Regina University, Ithaca College, Transylvania University, SUNY Plattsburgh, Mount Ida College, Messiah College and New England College.

This means the athletes will have a busy semester ahead of them. Throughout the season, they have trained hard and pulled out three wins and three losses.

In the season opener, the team split against Northwestern University, and won its second game by two runs. The team then went on to play two games against St. Olaf and ended up taking both of them. Augsburg College won two games against the Blue Devils, but so far the team has been doing fairly well.

Chris Stainer, the head coach for the UW-Stout women's softball team, says that there really is no secret formula for creating a good team, but it is the ingredients that matter.

"What it comes down to is the chemistry of the kids," Stainer said. "They just work for it so hard and are constantly improving."

Katie Fitcher, an assistant coach for the softball team, is primarily responsible for the strength and conditioning training of the team. She also happens to be one of the pitching coaches.

"Katie and the rest of the coaching staff have been very instrumental in helping to prepare the players for the upcoming season," Stainer said. "I am very fortunate to have such a great staff."

According to Stainer, the team also has five trainers on staff at all times to help. Two of the trainers commute between UW-Stout and other schools. Needless to say, the athletes are well-supported when it comes to conditioning and honing their skills.

"We have the girls work out at least three hours a week in the weight room," Stainer said. "We also encourage the team to do yoga to prevent ripping and tearing of ligaments and muscles."

On alternating days of the week, the team works on something different. On offensive days, the team members might work on the dynamics of their swings, such as wrist or hip movement when striking a ball. On defensive days, however, the players might practice refinement of movement by starting on their knees and focusing on isolating their muscles and joints.

"Some days, the girls end up warming up with a quick game of speedball," Coach Stainer said. (Speedball is an excellent cardiovascular exercise and is commonly used to warm up for practices.)

One reason that the athletes are able to stay in

peak physical condition during the winter months is that they often participate in other sports, like basketball or volleyball.

Athletic specialization however, has led to fewer athletes taking on additional sports. This effect can mean less diversification in certain athletic programs.

Stainer knows that it is not just the physical health of her players that she needs to worry about. Mental burnout can often lead to poor performance or just lack of enthusiasm for the sport.

"Some of the girls just get burned out," Stainer said. "That's why we think that playing multiple sports is a good idea, because it not only reconditions your body to work differently, you also come in to it with a whole new mindset."

To encourage team bonding, Stainer even goes as far as having the girls switch off their electronics and put away their cell phones for parts of their trips to games. During the trip down to a game, the girls will be allowed to use their electronics until about halfway through the trip, then they are required to put them away and socialize with the team. Then, on the way back from a game, they will socialize for half the trip and then be allowed to use their electronics again.

"I want to encourage us to be a team, and that means communicating with one another," Stainer said. "We win as a team, or we lose as a team, but regardless, we're a team together."

What 2 Watch 4

upcoming sporting events

- **March 11:**
Men's and women's track and field competes at the NCAA DIII Championships in Columbus, Ohio.
- **March 12:**
Women's gymnastics competes at the WIAC Championships and NCGA Regional at 4 p.m.
Softball plays against Concordia University in Clermont, Florida at 7:30 p.m.
- **March 13:**
Baseball plays against Central College in Mesa Arizona at 12 p.m.
Softball plays against Rensselaer Polytechnic at 9:30 a.m.
Softball plays against Salve Regina University at 11:30 a.m.
- **March 14:**
Baseball plays against St. John's University at 12 p.m. in Minn.
Softball plays against Ithaca College at 10:30 a.m.
Softball plays against Transylvania University at 2:30 p.m.
- **March 16:**
Baseball plays against Minot State University at 10 a.m.
Softball plays against SUNY Plattsburgh at 1:30 p.m.
Softball plays against Mount Ida College at 3:30 p.m.
- **March 17:**
Baseball plays against Simpson College at 9 a.m.
Softball plays against Messiah College at 11:30 a.m.
Softball plays against New England College at 1:30 p.m.
- **March 18:**
Baseball plays against Augsburg College at 12:30 p.m.

Track and field gets multiple personal bests at NCAA competition

Jodi Larson
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout track and field team hosted its indoor conference championship Feb. 26-27. The men's team placed 7th with 46 points, while the women placed 8th with 30 points. Both teams improved team scores from last year, nearly doubling the amount of points made from last years indoor conference meet.

This year's indoor conference meet lead to multiple personal best marks and qualifying times for the national meet. The National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships will be held Friday, March 11 and Saturday, March 12 at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio.

The UW-Stout track and field team had four national qualifiers who will be heading to Columbus for the national meet. The competitors are Anne Guthrie (pentathlon), Jessika Smith (long jump), Sam Flood (55-meter dash), and Daniel Drewke (polevault). The national competition brings together the best division III athletes across the nation. The UW-Stout track team has been successful in its program by bringing four to five athletes every year to the national meets.

"I think the team improved immensely from the last few years," national qualifier and team captain Guthrie noted. "We are getting much stronger and are getting a lot more depth in

more events. I think our hard work definitely shows with the number of school records that have gone down this season. Both teams also scored twice as many points at the conference meet as they did last year, so I think we are going in the right direction. There is still tons of room for improvement, but I think the team, as a whole, realizes that and everyone is ready to work hard and get to where we want to be."

In addition, Head Coach Laura Knudsen said, "I'm excited to see how dedicated and hardworking the team is this year. They are a

lot closer and the sizes are improving. We are continuing to improve in depth, dedication and team bonding, which is heading in the right direction for outdoor season. For outdoor, I want the team to continue to build off of what we accomplished in indoor season so that they can improve and start scoring more at conference meets. I'm excited to see everyone working hard because it inspires me to see that as a coach."

Good luck to those who qualified for this weekends, national meet March 11-12.



Anne Guthrie high jumps at her first national tournament.

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Gymnastics

The University of Wisconsin-Stout gymnastics team defeated Hamline University on March 4. Senior Naomi DeLara from Kahului, Hawaii and Jenna Lensing from Little Canada, Minn. both hit a pair of personal bests. DeLara took the vault in a personal best mark of 9.60 and took the top mark on the balance beam with a score of 9.75. Kaitlynn Christensen also scored a personal best on the vault with a score of 9.25, as did Colleen Seegers with an 8.80 score. Heather Harmeyer set a new best in finishing on the bars with a 9.20 score.

UW-Stout will host the 2011 WIAC Gymnastics Championships/NCGA West Regional's on Saturday March 14 at 4 p.m.



Track & field

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men's cross-country team received 2010 Division III All-Academic Cross Country status with Tim Nelson being named to the All-American Cross Country team. UW-Stout Cross-Country earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.11 and was given All-American status for the first time in school history. A total of 125 institutions represent 32 conferences that compose the group.



Blue Devil Hockey

The University of Wisconsin-Stout had six players land in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC). The players selected for the first team include forward Branden Gay, goalie Tom Lescovich, defenseman Bobby Kuehl. Forwards Robert Carr and Kevin O'Donnell and defenseman David Larson were honorable mention selections. Gay led the WIAC scoring this year with 16 goals and 18 assists for 34 points, while O'Donnell was third with 10 goals and 15 assists for 25 points.

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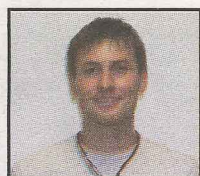
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How does the Affordable Care Act affect you?

Jerad Maplethorpe
News Editor

On Friday, March 25, Campus Progress, a national organization that helps young people promote progressive solutions to political and social issues, held a conference call about the recently implemented Affordable Care Act. The graduating class of 2011 will be the first group of college graduates to have the opportunity to take advantage of the new health care reform law.

"Americans in their twenties are twice as likely to go without health insurance as are older adults," said United States Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius, "but this new law is helping to change that. There are about 1.2 million young Americans who could gain health insurance because of this law."

Sec. Sebelius also stated that this law would help alleviate graduates from choosing jobs based on whether or not they offer health insurance benefits.

The Affordable Care Act has a new Patient's Bill of Rights, which is intended to stop abuses committed by the health insur-

ance companies. The following are only a few of the major changes:

For plans starting on or after Sept. 23, 2010: (1) Insurance companies may not deny coverage to children under 19 with pre-existing conditions; (2) insurers are prohibited from taking away your coverage for an unintentional mistake on an application; (3) insurance companies are banned from setting lifetime limits on your coverage; and (4) insurance companies are restricted from establishing annual limits on coverage. In addition, children under 26 will be allowed to stay on their parent's health care plan, or be added to it.

After Jan. 1, 2014, additional provisions will take effect. These provisions include: (1) health insurance plans will no longer be able to deny anyone due to a pre-existing condition; (2) it will be illegal for insurance companies to charge women more than men for coverage; (3) through new competitive health insurance marketplaces, small businesses and individuals will be able to negotiate better deals with insurers; (4) tax credits will be available for individuals and families that have trouble affording health insurance coverage; and (5) anyone who can af-

ford health insurance must purchase it (people under 30 can buy a lower-cost plan).

To find more information, visit healthcare.gov, www.studentpirgs.org/healthcareguide,

www.younginvincibles.org/HealthCare/reformExplained.html or www.americanprogress.org/issues/2010/03/health_reform_infographic.html.

Menomonie Theater

Samuel Homan
Staff Writer

CineMagic Stadium 7 Theater, located across from Wal-Mart, closed because its previous owner, CineMagic, filed for bankruptcy protection as of September 2010. Moviegoers now either have to go to the State Cinema 4 in downtown Menomonie or attend the Durand Theater, located about 20 minutes away. Eau Claire, Wis. and Chippewa Falls, Wis. also have movie theaters.

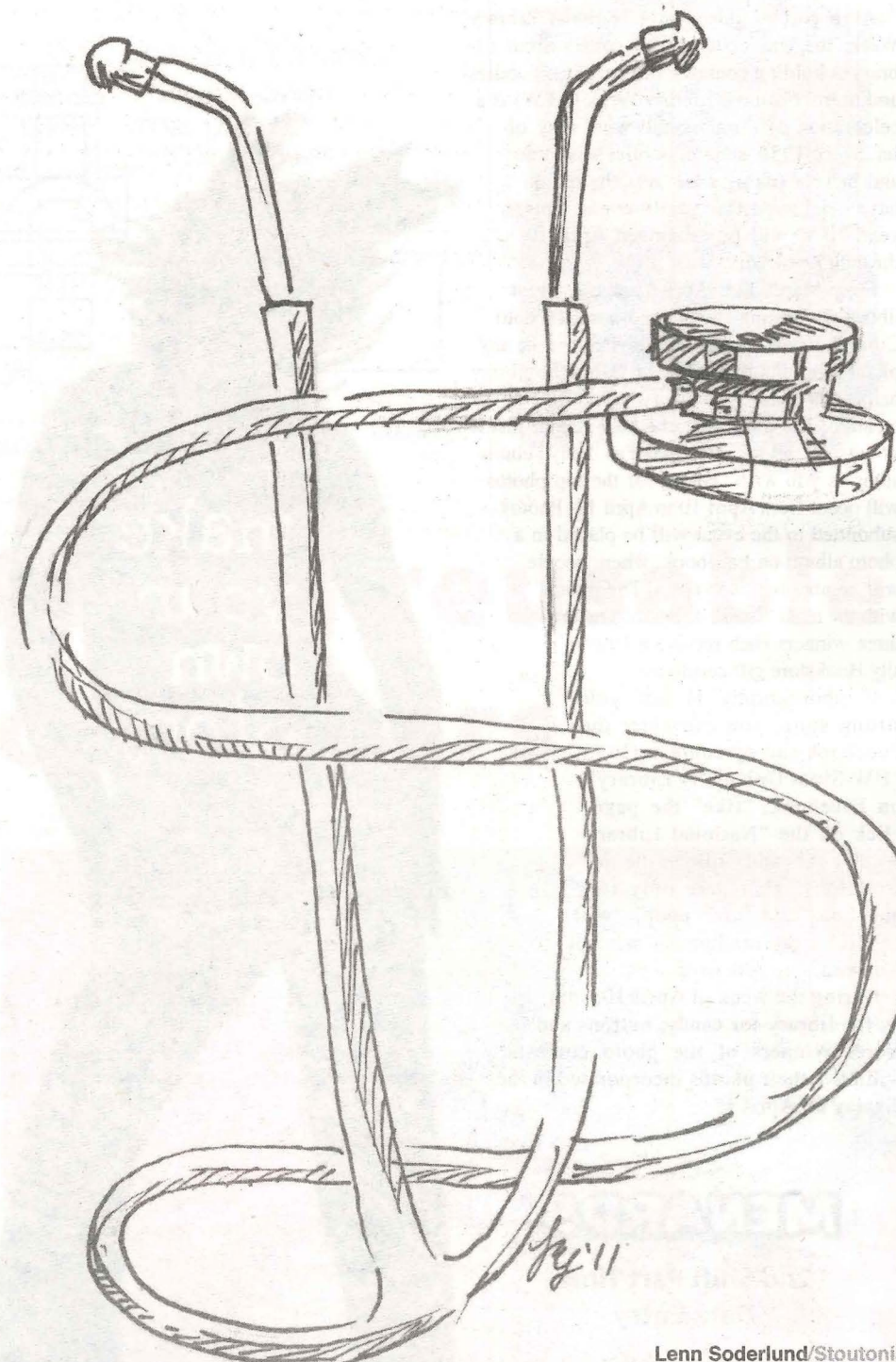
According to the Dunn County court records, a privately owned company called Cinema Entertainment Corp. is taking over operations, but not ownership. The theater was prepared to reopen last week on March 25. The theater will reopen under the CEC Theatre banner as Menomonie 7 Theatres.

The theater was closed for a few weeks for maintenance work and to install a new ticketing system. "I feel excited about the renovation and the new company," said Nathan Grassl, a psychology major at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Cinema Entertainment Corp. is a family-owned company that has been in business since 1955. The company's main priority is acquiring small to mid-size theaters in midwestern communities.

In a news release, Bob Ross, president of CEC Theatres, said, "We are excited about our entrance into the Menomonie market, and we look forward to bringing great movie entertainment to this community."

If you have any questions, Pamela Powers can be reached at 715-556-9018 or pamela.powers@ecpc.com. To view showtimes, visit www.cectheatres.com or call 715-235-0555.



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UW-Stout IEEE hosts Robert McDowell

Jerad Maplethorpe
News Editor

On Tuesday, April 12, from 7 - 9 p.m., the University of Wisconsin-Stout Branch of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engi-

neers (IEEE) is hosting Robert McDowell, vice president for Information Worker Business Value at Microsoft Corporation. The inspirational lecture will take place in room 110 of Jarvis Hall Science Wing. Students are encouraged to arrive at 6:30 p.m. for visitation.

With more than 40 years of experience in the information technology industry, McDowell is focused on identifying critical business problems that can be solved through the application of Microsoft technologies. McDowell has published two books, his most recent being "In Search of Business Value: Ensuring a Return on Your Technology Investment".

UW-Stout IEEE President Maxwell Steuer said that this is a very important guest speaker and that he expects a big turnout.

For more information about Robert McDowell, visit <http://www.microsoft.com/presspass/exec/bmcdowell/default.mspx>.

To learn more about UW-Stout IEEE events, visit <http://uwstout.orgsync.com/org/stoutieee/Events>.

National Library Week Contests

As a part of this year's National Library Week, the University of Wisconsin-Stout Library is holding contests, offering free goodies and more. National Library Week (NLW) is a celebration of libraries and what they offer. Since 1958, school, public, academic and private libraries all over the nation have celebrated this yearly event. This year, NLW will be celebrated April 10 through April 16.

From March 14 to April 8, the UW-Stout library is hosting the second annual Photo Contest, where students are invited to take any picture that fits the theme of "How the library helps you make your story." Feel free to be creative. The photos can be taken either inside or outside and you may make as many submissions as you wish. Voting for the top photos will occur from April 10 to April 13. Photos submitted to the event will be placed in a photo album on Facebook, where people will be able to "like" them. The photos with the most "likes" will win. The top three winners each receive a University Bookstore gift certificate.

If photography is not your strong suite, you can enter the Facebook survey contest. Go to "UW-Stout University Library" on Facebook, "like" the page, click on the "National Library Week" tab and follow the instructions. There are only two questions and three people will be drawn at random to win an Amazon.com gift card.

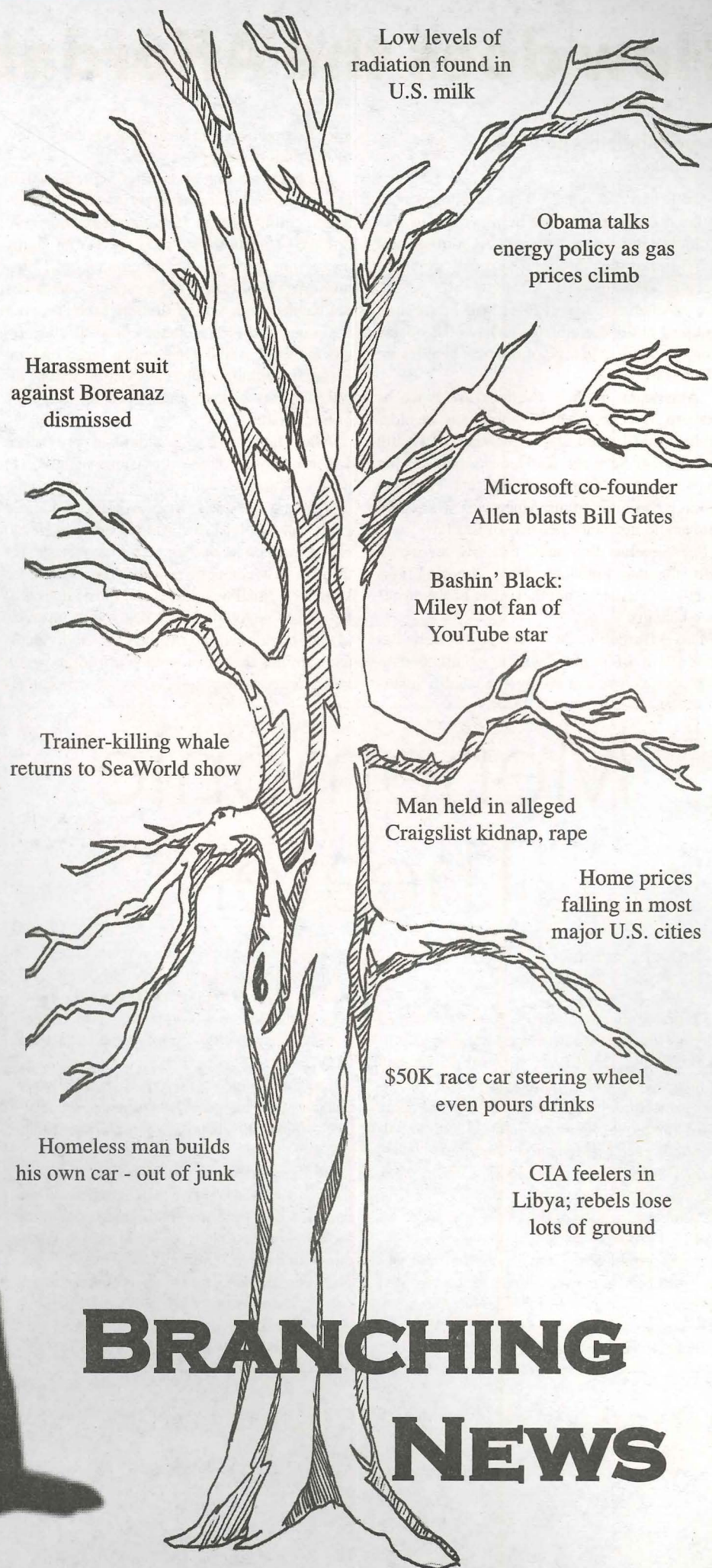
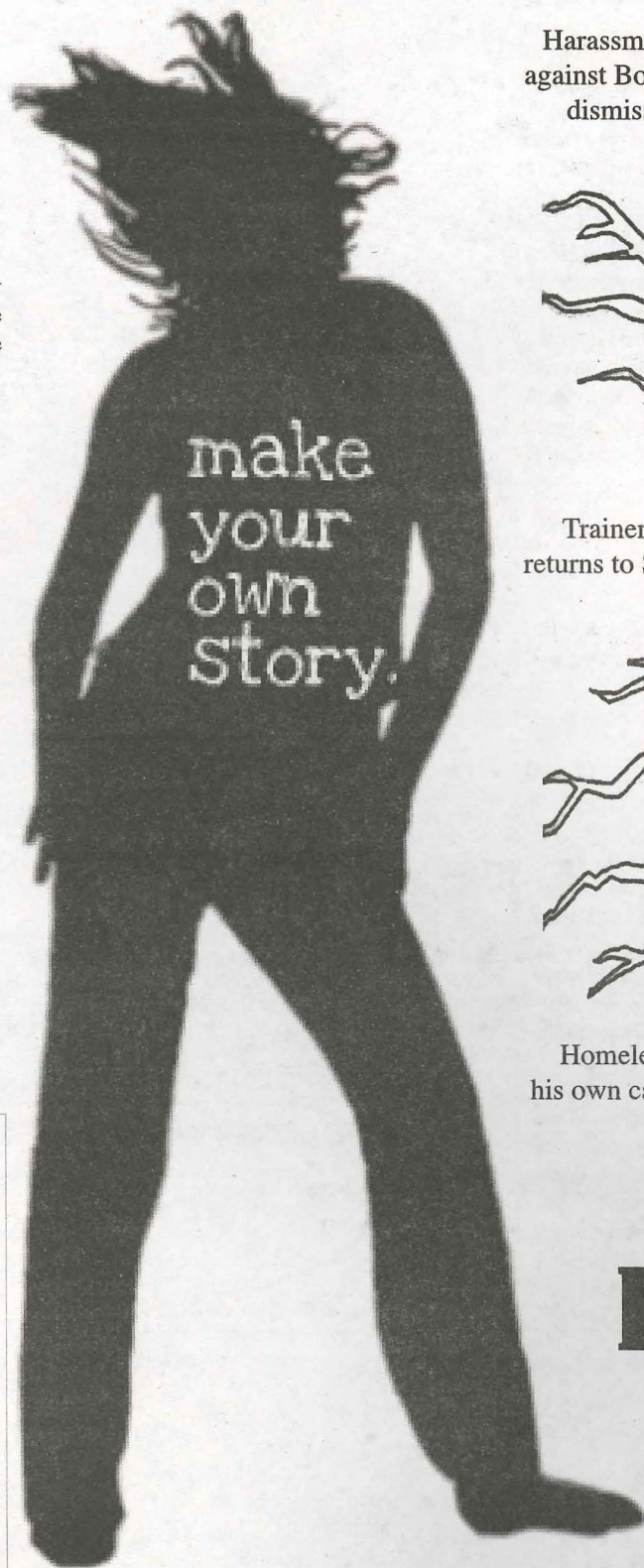
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BRANCHING NEWS

The Brickyard Disc Golf Course: A new brick oven and herb garden?

Jerad Maplethorpe
News Editor

Would you like to see a brick oven and an herb garden constructed at the Menomonie, Wis. Brickyard Disc Golf Course? A group of University of Wisconsin-Stout students from the Problem Solving in the Environment course (BIO 444) are trying to make this a reality. A proposal prepared by Mark Baumgartner, Aimee Finley and Jacob Pulfer has been submitted to the City of Menomonie for approval.

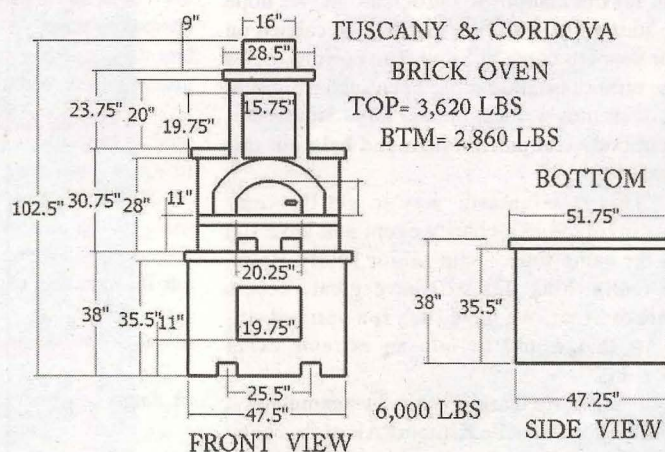
The proposed 47.5-by-47.25 inch brick oven would be located near the course's entrance, approximately 100 feet away from any trees. The herb garden, spanning 50 square feet, would be in close proximity of both the brick oven and the course's entrance.

According to the proposal, "The herbs

will be used for public consumption and seasoning for potential use in the brick oven." It also indicates that the garden will be maintained by volunteers and other organizations, such as the Sustainable Agriculture Education Association.

The three-student team believes that the development of these facilities will enhance the unused area in the Brickyard by encouraging community members to use the area for recreational use, extending its current participation. In addition, the group hopes to gain

experience in the process of municipal project proposals and planning.



Dining halls offering reusable takeout containers

At University of Wisconsin-Stout dining halls, students no longer have to compromise their green principles when taking meals to go.

University Dining Services recently began offering students the option of using reusable containers for carrying out a meal. Instead of trashing takeout containers and utensils, students can bring them back.

"Simple steps can make a huge difference," said Kayla Eernisse, a sophomore from Cedar Grove, Wis., who is using the sustainable dining option. "I feel like I should take the responsibility to be part of it."

Eernisse, a dietetics major, is part of the Student Dining Service Dining Advisory Committee, which recommended the reusable containers option to help reduce campus waste.

Students are normally charged 60 cents extra for disposable to-go containers. With the reusable container option, they pay one-time fees of \$5 for a rigid, hinged container, \$3 for a cup and 25 cents for each piece of purchased silverware.

"In the end I thought I'd be saving money," said Eernisse. "You even can use it next semester."

Students must remember to return the reusable items before ordering their next takeout meal. Then, they are given fresh containers/silverware and the ones they've

returned are sanitized.

Since the program began in early February, 35 students have signed up for the option and used it more than 250 times, keeping 500 containers/beverage cups from the landfill.

"The reusable container option is a good idea because we're throwing away less resources," said Ann Thies, director of University Dining Services.

Even if students do not sign up for the reusable container option, they could compost 95 percent of the throwaway containers. Stout switched to compostable takeout containers about two years ago.

Nearly 26,000 takeout meals a year leave UW-Stout's two dining halls, Merle M. Price Commons and North Point. More than 520,000 meals are served each academic year.

The Student Dining Services Advisory Committee meets monthly. Students on the committee get one free meal a week in exchange for volunteering to help evaluate food and services. "They're our secret shoppers," said Thies.

In January of 2010, University Dining Services also began composting all food waste through Veolia Environmental Services. Since then, about 100 tons of food have been diverted from the landfill said Thies.

For more information, contact Ann Thies by phone 715-232-2134 or e-mail thiesa@uwstout.edu.



Advisement Day Eve Undie Run

Rachael Lundeen
Staff Writer

On Monday, April 4, hundreds of students will be parading through the university campus in their underwear. Yes, you read that correctly: the University of Wisconsin-Stout is hosting its first annual Undie Run on Advisement Day Eve.

Students can register any time from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the day of the event. The run starts at 6:30 p.m. Student will start on top of Harvey Hill next to the old "Yo Dawg" building. Participants will need to sign a waiver before running.

During the one-mile run through campus, participants will remove their clothing (down to their underwear, that is). Everything taken off will be donated to the West Cap, a west central Wisconsin charity organization. If you do not want to participate in the run but still want to help, cash donations will be accepted at the registration table. There will be prizes, raffles, music and contests during registration, as well. Also, look for news agencies that have been invited to publicize the event.

"We saw that other universities, like the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the University of California-Los Angeles and Arizona State University, have done an Undie Run and have had huge success," said Jordan

Kinneman who has been planning the event. "We thought this would be something different for our campus to participate in. We hope to start a new tradition that will be carried on for years to come at Stout. I'm curious to see the turnout because it has been such a big deal at other universities. I really hope Stout's student body can pull through and help out this great cause."

"This is a fantastic way to get the campus involved in a charity event and have fun at the same time," said senior Molly Holm. "I really think this will have great success here at Stout. We have such fun-spirited students that would be into an extreme event like this."

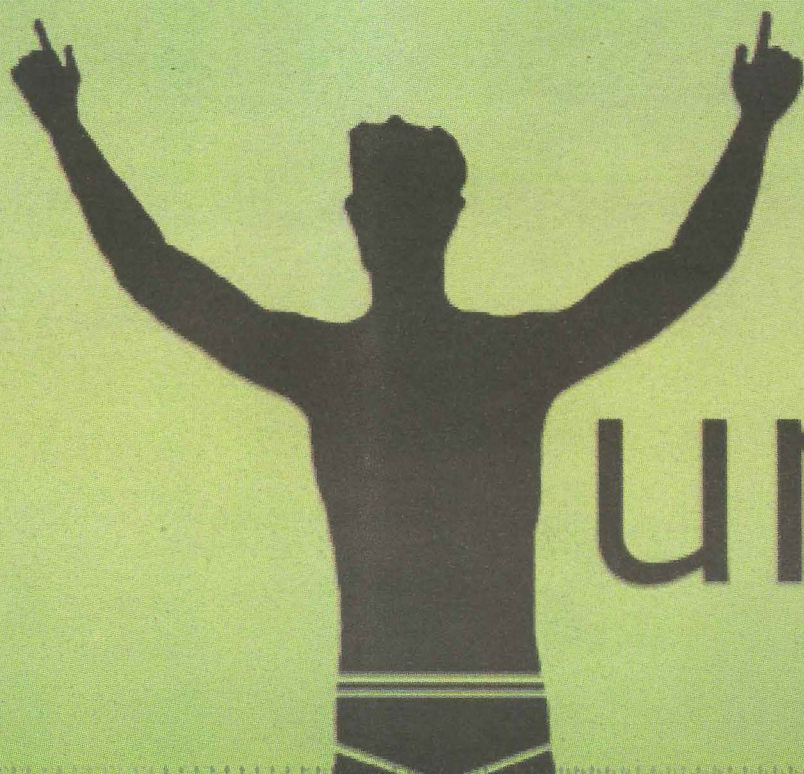
"I am participating with my teammates," said senior Michelle Killian. "All of the rugby girls are really pumped to be able to participate as a team in a charity event like this. It is really going to bring all of campus together for a great time and a good cause."

"I just can't wait to see everyone running through campus in their underwear," said senior Steven Lang, who was also involved in the planning. "I think it is going to be a blast."

You can find more information on Facebook by searching "Stout's First Annual Undie Run." More than 570 people have RSVPed "attending" so far. The UW-Stout American Marketing Association is hosting the event.



Pictured above is the one-mile route for the Undie Run around campus.



undie run.

Recyclemania Trash Blitz

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Staff Writer

On Wednesday, March 30, Recyclemania took place on the Price Commons lawn. The Recyclemania Competition runs from Feb. 6 to April 2. It is a friendly competition among university recycling programs in the United States that allows students, faculty and staff to reduce waste on their respective campus. The large green bins from South Campus dormitories were rolled onto the Price Commons lawn to raise awareness of how much trash can actually be recycled.

There were containers for cardboard and light cardboard and large boxes for cans, bottles and other plastics. The crew was looking to recycle plastics ranging from level two to level six. These numbers can be found on the bottom of the container in question. Plastics that are too lightweight or are contaminated with food cannot be recycled; however, many things, such as laundry bottles and shampoo bottles, can be recycled.

"It's interesting to see how much people really waste and what is recyclable and what is not," said McKenzie Wilson, a Stout student volunteering with Recyclemania.

"It makes me feel dirty sorting through trash and frustrated that people don't recycle more,"

said Patrick Stariha, another volunteer.

According to Camille Thorson, the Recyclemania Coordinator, in the first weigh-in, all the recyclables pulled from the trash totaled 114 pounds.

"We are demonstrating the amount of recyclables thrown in the trash," said Thorson. "We hope students will start being more conscious about what they are throwing in the trash and looking and thinking about where their trashing is going once it's out of sight."

The City of Menomonie is willing to recycle the large amounts of bottles, cans and heaps of cardboard that were pulled from the trash. To help the Recyclemania crew clean up our planet, here are some steps you can follow:

- Wash out bottles and cans and take off the tops
- Recycle shampoo and laundry detergent bottles
- Avoid using plastic silverware as much as possible
- Reduce the amount of plastic usage in your daily life
- Between you and your roommate – grab a cardboard box to put in your room designated for recyclables and take it out with the trash
- Reduce the amount of bottled water you drink. Purchase an eco-friendly water bottle or use the drinking fountain.



Approximately 38 pounds of paper and 170 pounds of recyclables were pulled from the garbage.

Liz Schultz/Stoutonia



UW-Stout students volunteer Wednesday to help the Recyclemania crew remove recyclables from garbage containers.

Liz Schultz/Stoutonia

Simply Remarthable contest

"The Martha Stewart Show" in New York will have a distinct University of Wisconsin-Stout flavor this week.

A UW-Stout art instructor, Kari Tarr of Menomonie, Wis., made an appearance Wednesday, March 30, as a finalist in the "Simply Remarthable" contest.

Tarr will be on the same set as UW-Stout student Angela Ritchie, a food systems and technology major from Cumberland, Wis. Ritchie is



Pictured above is the glitter painting that Tarr entered into the contest.

a production intern this semester on the show.

Tarr and Ritchie beat long odds to be part of the daily, hourlong cable TV show, which features home maven Martha Stewart.

Tarr, an adjunct instructor at UW-Stout, was one of 3,500 entries from across the country, ranging from cooks to innovators to artists. She used Martha Stewart-brand glitter as color in a rainbowlike striped piece of art she submitted.

"I'm thrilled to be a finalist and get the chance to glitter with Martha," said Tarr, who was announced as a finalist March 14.

Glitter is just one medium Tarr favors. She also uses latex, frosting and traditional oils.

Wednesday's show can be seen at 9 a.m. locally on the Hallmark channel and repeated at 1 p.m. Thursday. The contest winner, announced during the Friday, April 1, show will take home a new BMW.

Ritchie, a junior at UW-Stout, landed her internship last fall after seeing the job posting on a food-related website. She knew it was a long shot, but she passed initial screening and phone interview stages.

"When I told my mother, she was speechless," said Ritchie, who often watched the show with her mother while growing up.

Ritchie's internship began Jan. 3, 2011 and ends May 6, 2011. She works with producers

on a variety of behind-the-scenes tasks, including helping with the audience, which usually numbers about 150, and running show-related errands for Martha Stewart.

"There's so much more work that goes into the show than people realize," said Ritchie. "A recipe might be tested six to eight times just to get it perfect."

Ritchie's goal is to work in a test kitchen, allowing her to cook and be creative. Being an intern on the home ideas show has allowed her to observe and talk with chefs in a professional setting.

"Food is my passion and the joy of my life," said Ritchie.

Ritchie began cooking as a teenager and worked at a restaurant throughout high school. "At 12 or 13, I made my grandparents' anniversary cake, and everyone was impressed. I realized



Kari Tarr

Courtesy of Kari Tarr

food could be a career for me."

Ritchie's mother plans to visit her and attend the show in the up-coming weeks.



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4/7	Deep Water Safety Clinic from 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
4/12	Kayak Roll Clinic from 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS - 41 Sports & Fitness Center (232-1392)

4/1	Disc Golf Tournament
4/8	Ultimate Frisbee Tournament

Urec Fitness - HFC - 232-1378 or North Point 232-5370

4/13	Strength Competition from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
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You can now buy fitness center memberships, climbing wall memberships and register for events online. Go to the Urec website to see how- <http://urec.uwstout.edu>.

A Libyan intervention... who's next?

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It looks like we are at war folks. On Tuesday, March 22, the United States and Great Britain launched 112 cruise missiles into Libya. This came after a unanimous approval by the United Nations Security Council and the Arab League to support a no-fly zone over the country. As the events transpired, President Barack Obama stated that military action was not his first choice. He declared that the U.S. intervened in Libya to prevent a slaughter of civilians that would have stained the world's conscience. At one point in his speech, Obama said that "Our own future is safer and brighter if more of mankind can live with the bright light of freedom". As the situation unfolds, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and the Administration of the White House both say that the sole reason for intervening is fueled by humanitarian endeavors.

If an event like Libya is a burden to our conscious, then why haven't we intervened in other humanitarian catastrophes like Darfur or the Congo? These atrocities have been transpiring for years. Why haven't we felt the obligation to assist these nations? And what about the nations of Bahrain, Palestine, Syria and Yemen? These small countries are suffering from violence toward civilians too. The governments of these nations have been actively suppressing political protests by violent acts of oppression. The U.S. claims that it strongly condemns the violence and has urged the governments of these countries to show restraint and to respect the universal rights of their people. So again I say, why hasn't Washington pushed to invade these other nations as well?

No one can deny that Muammar Gaddafi is crazy, inhumane and dangerous; no rational logic could conclude that a man like that should be allowed to govern a nation. However, history has seen a vast array of dictators comparable to Gaddafi. In many

instances, the U.S. has quietly supported them faithfully for decades. So, why are we intervening now? If we could ignore the violence of the past, why are we caring about the citizens of Libya in the present?

It is because our interests are now at stake, as is the stability of the region. Libya only produces two to three percent of the world's oil supply and further control in North Africa will serve as a strategic stronghold for the Western Allies. Previous American presidents haven't seemed to mind authoritarian despots as long as our national interests remained intact. The United States has for the most part, chosen to pursue our economic interests over the Democratic interests of the region. Unfortunately, when a dictator's craziness makes them no longer compliant with our standards, we go to war in the name of civility and humanitarianism.

Many believe that Obama has a different attitude when it comes to the Middle East. In his closing remarks, Obama said, "I believe that this movement of change cannot be turned back, and that we must stand alongside those who believe in the same core principles that have guided us through many storms: our opposition to violence directed at one's own people; our support for a set of universal rights, including the freedom for people to express themselves and choose their leaders; our support for governments that are ultimately responsive to the aspirations of the people."

Rhetoric and ideals such as these should not be shunned or denigrated. It's noble, and if brought successfully to fruition, could elicit benefits the world has never seen. However, how realistic is it to believe that the U.S. and its Allies have the capability to achieve such a lofty goal? Moreover, what happens when this doctrine is only applied selectively to a minority of nations? If this doctrine is not instituted completely and fairly, for all op-

pressed nations, our leaders start to look hypocritical and their motivations will become dangerously questionable.

So what is the domestic cost for spreading American freedom across the globe? There is an irony that both the Republicans and the Democrats agree that we are in a state of national fiscal emergency. How as a nation can we find money to protect poor and low-income individuals against local, state and federal budget cuts at the same time that we are going to war? Helping other countries find a path to democracy is important. All humans deserve a foundation of rights which allow them to express themselves and live freely. But when does the goal of spreading freedom abroad become an impediment to assuring a standard of liberty and fulfillment for the citizens of the U.S.?

I mentioned earlier in the article that the coalition forces launched 112 missiles into Libya the first night of attacks. According to the Pentagon, the total the cost of firing those missiles was \$112 million in a single evening. In a recent interview last Sunday, Defense Secretary Robert Gates stated that the intervention in Libya could last months. In addition, he also agreed that the cost of incursion could cost well over \$1 billion.

We are now in a situation where politicians on both sides of the aisle are busy cutting the budget by eliminating nutrition programs for women and children and Pell Grant programs for college students. As the Arab spring continues to develop, how indebted are we as a nation to insure the freedom of others while the liberties of individuals at home are ignored? What if the cost for our interventionism is ultimately minimizing the freedom of those at home? In the face of this situation, it is important to look at the facts. If we are concerned that our conscience will be stained with knowledge of injustice and maltreatment, it may be wise to focus on those closest to us. If we want a future that is safer and brighter for mankind, perhaps we should start at home.

A trip back in time puts the Internet back in perspective

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Opinions Editor

In a recent Op-Ed titled, "Tools for Thinking," New York Times columnist David Brooks opened with crediting Steven Pinker of Harvard University for asking a smart question: What scientific concept would improve everybody's cognitive toolkit? 164 of the top thinkers wrote essays proclaiming the next scientific concept. None, however, focused on the evolution of the Internet and, more specifically, the emergence of a symbiosis of consciousness.

Let's pretend for a moment that I have just returned from a very unique internship back in time. Yes, back in time. Specifically, from the year of the University of Wisconsin-Stout's founding: 1891. The objective of this internship was simple: attempt to describe the dawn of the Internet to some lucky first generation Stout students. My hope was that this trip back in time would enhance my perspective of the realities of the world we are currently living in. It did.

As I began my trip, the questions immediately started flowing. How might I begin to describe this force we call the Internet? What frame of reference could I use with these students? Would it be possible for Stout students to comprehend such an abstract phenomena with

such a limited knowledge?

I quickly realized that in order to accomplish this task, I would need to explain the metaphysical history behind the emergence of the digitalized world.

I began by establishing a frame of reference for these students to follow along. The closest artifact that resembled a digital technology in 1891 was photographs. Digitalized photographs have the same scientific concept as the photographs of 1891: it was a moment captured in time.

The world changed in 1891 when George Eastman had just introduced the inexpensive Kodak which allowed amateurs to take multiple snapshot photographs. In the same year then came the Edison Company, who successfully invented the Kinetoscope, a device that enabled one person at a time to view moving pictures.

These students had no idea how the emergence of moving images, once captured in time, were going to change the face of the planet. They just thought it was cool to see themselves in something other than a mirror. I soon began to have doubts. Was it possible for students in 1891 to comprehend the Internet if they were already astounded by the functions of a camera? I knew it would not be easy to do, so I made the effort to explain things in visual terms.

I began with the concept of the television and

informed the students about the coming invention of an electronic tube with a photoconductive plate. This, I told them, was the electronic reproduction of digital images. I went on to explain how the technological advancement in "artificial eyes" aka cameras, were able to capture time in its tracks while simultaneously transporting those images at the speed of light through an electronic portal and into your living room. This placed the viewer in the perspective of the camera on the other end of the television. In essence, I explained this device as the development of an exterior consciousness.

The students were beginning to understand what the television was. I thought it was time that I introduce the concept of the computing machine. The computer was designed as a way to organize information in digital form, making paper unnecessary in some cases. Ultimately, the scientific concept of a computer was enhanced by a universal language of equations and algorithms, which laid the way for a boom in software programs.

I could tell by now that the students were capable of being able to comprehend the abstract phenomena of the future. It was time to define the vast computer network linking smaller computer networks worldwide. I explained the Internet as being both a ubiquitous force in nature

and not even existing in the tangible world. The Internet is the most powerful tool the earth has ever known. It is not only uniting the world with ideas, but also consciousness. Anytime you enter the Internet, you are connecting with the World Wide Web of heads. The Internet truly is an external symbiosis of consciousness. Thank you, 1891, history will undoubtedly remember.

Now that I'm back from my time-traveling internship, I have seen how far we've come. If someone were to travel back in time to now and enlighten us about the future 100 years from now, what would they say? What mediocre forms of technology do we take for granted today that could turn into omnipotent ones tomorrow? Sure, we can dream of computer's in our contact lenses, but that technology already exists and it will most likely be around in our lifetime.

Einstein once said, "The distinction between the past, the present and future is only a stubbornly, persistent illusion." The next great invention is on the horizon. What sorts of things haven't we thought of? I have always wondered about the potential of virtual gaming? Will it ever encompass more than just two senses? Only time will tell.

Helpful tips for living a healthy college life

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Eating healthy in college can be a difficult task. The combination of a rigid schedule, tight budget and an environment filled with tempting, convenient foods doesn't make eating healthy the easiest choice. Often students consume the same types of food every day or eat out at fast food restaurants, leading to lack of variety and unbalanced meals. With little variety, we are unable to get all the nutrients our body needs, leading to higher risk for obesity and disease. The good news is you can do something about this. Start eating healthy today. All it takes is a little more time, effort and planning. Here are a few tips to help college students eat healthy on a budget.

Cook at home: It saves a lot of money compared to eating out. Make cooking a social activity by cooking meals with friends. Have everyone pitch in for groceries and prepare a meal together. This allows you to buy larger quantities of food. With this method you can get a healthy, fun meal at an affordable price.

Buy raw fruits and vegetables: Chop and bag them up into individual serving sizes for yourself. It makes a great quick snack and is much cheaper than buying processed foods.

Grab protein packed snacks: When looking for a quick snack to pack, grab food items that are a good source of protein which will curb your hunger longer. Great choices include yogurt, string cheese, nuts and trailmix. Lastly, try to keep snacks between 100-150 calories. Eating calories throughout the day can add up fast.

Avoid buying cheap, "convenient" food: Buying these foods may seem like you're getting the most bang for your buck, but in reality it's

most likely just junk food high in fat and salt. Think about it this way, you buy a bag of chips but don't feel very satisfied until half the bag is eaten up. By then you've consumed much of your calories and fat for the day, but not many nutrients, and will most likely be hungry in another hour. Instead, buy fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean meats that you can create well-balanced meals with.

Alcohol is "empty" calories: Remember that alcohol does contain calories but does not contain any nutritional value. Calories from alcohol add up fast, along with the foods commonly consumed after drinking!

Make eating healthy a priority: Let's face it; you just feel better when you fuel your body with healthy, well balanced meals. Eating healthy not only has positive effects now, but also for your future. Try packing your lunch the night before; it only takes a couple extra minutes and will guarantee a better meal than something you grab last minute on the go. Aim to eat six small meals a day; you never want to keep your body guessing when it is going to get food!

Go with H₂O! Water contains no calories and the cells in our body need water to carry out their basic functions. It is recommended to drink half an ounce per pound of body weight or about three liters of water a day.

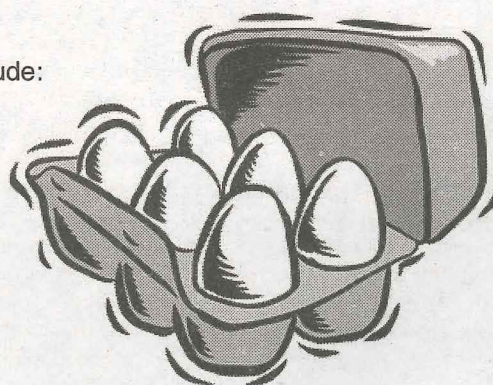


The article and recipe authors from left to right Alexa Ahler, Brooke Hill and Jenny Wegner

Easy Omelet In A Bag

Ingredients

- * 2 eggs
- * And with what ever healthy ingredients you wish to include:
 - o Green peppers (chopped)
 - o Onion (chopped)
 - o Fresh mushrooms
 - o Fresh tomato (chopped)
 - o Low fat cheese (shredded of your choice)
 - o Diced ham or turkey (low in fat and sodium)
 - o Get creative!



Directions

1. Crack the eggs into a large resealable freezer bag. Press out most of the air, and seal. Shake or squeeze to beat the eggs. Open the bag, and add your ingredients. Squeeze out as much of the air as you can, and seal the bag.
2. Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Place up to 8 bags at a time into the boiling water. Cook for exactly 13 minutes. Open the bag, and let the omelet roll out onto a plate. The omelet should roll out easily.
3. Enjoy the omelet!

Open letter to campus

I believe in the University of Wisconsin-Stout. I believe UW-Stout should join the United Council of UW Students this semester; the time is now.

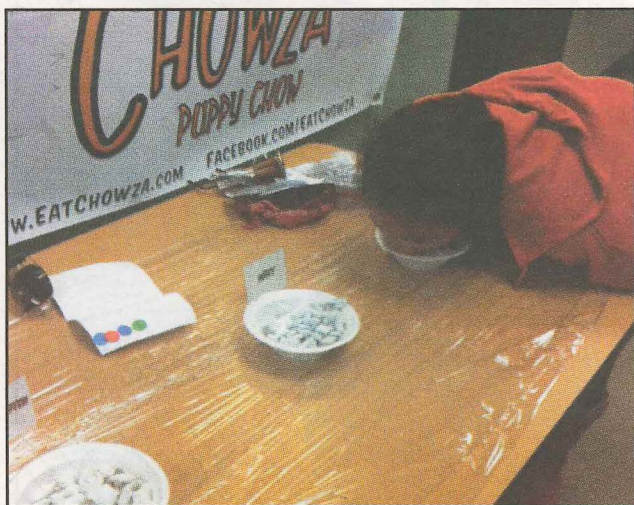
Students in Wisconsin have been coming together to keep education strong. The recent attacks on higher education from Governor Scott Walker's proposed budget brings a \$250 million cut to the UW System, translating into an 11 percent cut per campus if it were to pass today. Chancellor Sorensen recently explained that the 11 percent cut to UW-Stout is the result of a number of unfunded mandates from recruitment to retention, which has the potential of leading to fewer students continuing to attend school at UW-Stout. Those students who would still be enrolled would face greater barriers of tuition, student representation and ultimately graduation into real-world jobs. On average, more than 80 percent of UW System students stay in Wisconsin to live and work.

On top of this, the Governor's proposed budget is forcing the UW System to split off from UW-Madison. The system was fragmented until the 1970's when it was united under the University of Wisconsin because of the fighting over funding, resources and students. Basically, every institution was on its own. UW-Stout could take a pretty big hit if this fragmentation were to restart.

United Council is leading the charge against cuts to higher education, stopping the split from UW-Madison and bringing together student leadership from across the state. United Council wants and needs UW-Stout's voice heard. UW-Stout represents an important constituency that should be represented on a state-wide level. Its important that UW-Stout voices are heard by all so the state will know what UW-Stout's students are thinking. The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse is taking up the charge to join this year, adding to last year's new members of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Green Bay, Superior and Platteville. There has not been a clear message from the Stout Administration on the UW-Madison split.

UW-Stout should join United Council this semester and have its voice in the student movement to protect the future of higher education in Wisconsin and in Menomonie.

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United Council of UW Students



Dana McBroom dives face first into a bowl of Chowza Puppy Chow during a challenge.



Ryan Bloms, Matt Tryggstad and Brandon Speros piece a map of UW-Stout together to reveal the first clue of the race.

Stout It Out: Amazing Race meets Minute to Win It

Maggie Meixl
Contributing Writer

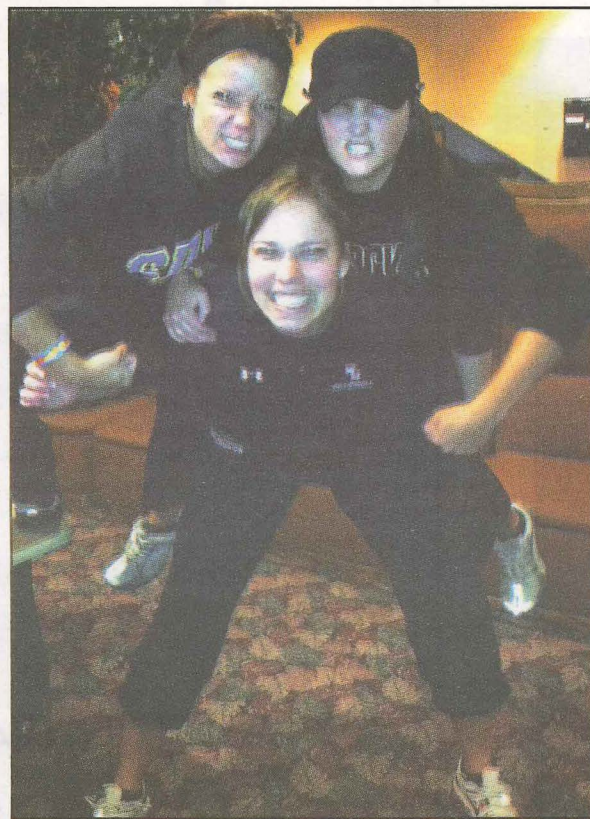
I didn't know what I was getting into. My former volleyball teammate Kim Labat asked me to be on her "Stout It Out" team, describing it as a competition that was a mix between "The Amazing Race" and "Minute to Win It," followed by free dinner. She had me at "competition."

The next day, Labat, Mallery Anderson and I showed up at the starting line in a team uniform of black sweats and Nike shoes. A few of our competition's team uniforms came in the form of red plaid shirts, pink sequined headbands, red sweatshirts with rain boots, as well as a sequel of my team's all-black ensemble. A quick rule review and photo session gave way to our first challenge: piecing a map of the University of Wisconsin-Stout together that had been cut apart in no particular manner. I handed tape to Labat and Anderson as they put the paper puzzle together. The girls finished the puzzle, figured out the clue and we were off to "Stout It Out."

After popping balloons without using our limbs and throwing a pigskin on the snowy gridiron, the clue "girl put your records on, fourth floor" led me to convince my teammates to run to the fourth floor of Bowman Hall. It made sense in my mind. Registration and Records is in that building and that's pretty much all I was going on. I was wrong, of course. We ran to the library, where on the fourth floor, next to an old record player (obviously), we found the clue: a picture of a bow and a man. We turned around and headed back to where we had just detoured.

In the basement of Bowman Hall, we met our toughest challenge: eating an entire bowl of Chowza Puppy Chow, generously donated by Chowza owner and fellow student, Chris Becker. On an average day, eating a large amount of delicious puppy chow would be extremely appealing, but we were competing, had been running around campus for half of an hour and were sweaty (very sweaty), couldn't use our hands even to pick the bowl up and had to choose between three flavors of puppy chow. I chose mint, knowing that Labat does not enjoy trying new food and I hate butterscotch (or so I thought until I tried the Chowza version of butterscotch puppy

chow later that evening). Anderson went with butterscotch so Labat could stick with what she knows, regular. The rule was our faces couldn't be in the bowl at the same time, so one by one we used our teeth and tongues to dig out big bites and chewed as fast as possible while the other two teammates took their bites. We used our chewing time to survey the progress the four other teams completing the challenge were making; everyone wore a powdered sugar goatee that grew into a beard as his or her bowl of puppy



The author carries her small but mighty teammates, Kim Labat and Mallery Anderson on her back.

chow shrunk. It was quite a sight.

After licking the last piece of puppy chow from our bowls, we were given this clue: "Meet us at the place where the Timbers are Cramped." Trees around campus? The woodworking lab? Thoroughly stumped, we wandered outside commenting that the puppy chow tasted great

and how we did not even feel like puking, before ducking into the Vocational Rehabilitation building to ask a few ladies for their thoughts on the clue. They pointed us toward Log Jam and we were off again in the time it took to say "thank you."

One thing to know about competing in Stout It Out: everyone we ran by looked at us like we were crazy for sprinting (okay, sometimes walking) around campus yelling random phrases, that we knew as clues, to one another. It was no different at Log Jam as we busted through the doors during regular business hours and ran past unsuspecting customers to a flip-cup table. One by one, we drank a cup of water and flipped it onto a beer bottle to receive the next clue that led us to a few fancy "Minute to Win It" style challenges in the Bank Building.

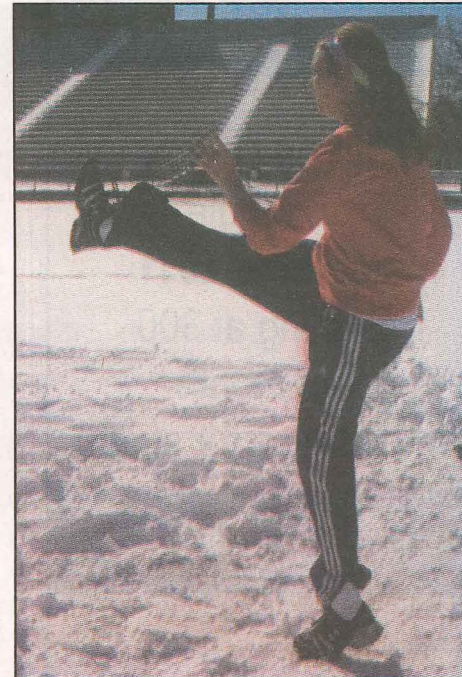
First up, sinking a small condiment cup in a bowl of water by bouncing quarters into it, which is harder than it sounds. Next, a cookie had to find its way from our foreheads into our mouths without using our hands. Finally, we had to shoot down a pyramid of cans using rubber bands, which is way harder than it sounds.

More challenges involved swimming in the pool, walking blindfolded through a web of tape, doing a four-legged walk around the sidewalk circling the track (the track was full of snow) and creating a rap using 12 required words.

The last clue we earned asked, "What is 300 lbs. and has seven points?" We raced to The Buck, also full of unsuspecting customers, where Labat stood on a chair to pour

saltwater into my mouth as I lay on the floor. The goal was to fill a cup with the water, using my mouth as a go-between. By the time we finished, the water collected by my shirt could have been used to fill a second cup.

For the final leg of "Stout It Out," race officials balanced a stack of hockey pucks on a



A pink sequined headband gives Steph Nichols the strength to punt a pigskin during a challenge and eventually take second place in the race.

yardstick placed on the back of Labat's hands as she walked backwards, mummy style back to the Bank Building. Labat walked 1/3 of the way, passed the yardstick to Anderson who did the same before passing it on to me to carry into the lobby of the Bank Building where we learned that we were the first team to complete the race. We had won.

My team finished "Stout It Out" in just under two hours and most of the teams were just a few short minutes behind us. However, one team of freshmen came in at just over three hours, the same time by which many of us had left, showered and returned for dinner. Apparently, they had taken multiple detours to North Campus, although none of the clues led there. Oh, freshmen.

The organization behind Stout It Out is Project Footsteps, a nonprofit out of Minneapolis, Minn. Kyle Rucker founded Project Footsteps as a 21-year-old University of Minnesota student to inspire young people, from elementary to college age, to take ownership of bettering their communities, themselves and their worlds.

Five years later, Rucker and Mike Jackson continue to provide situations by which young people can realize their own power. At the university level, it is by inspiring individuals, empowering leadership and helping organize to take action. Project Footsteps asks college students, "What do you want to do?" and gives students tools to bring their answers to life. "Stout It Out" participants discussed that same question and an honest discussion about the culture of campus followed, the fruits of which will hopefully be seen around campus in the future.

Are there things about UW-Stout that you would like to see change? We, as students, have the power change our university for the better and Project Footsteps is here to help. Project Footsteps will return to UW-Stout to further empower and prepare students to be agents of change, and it just might be through another "Stout It Out" race.

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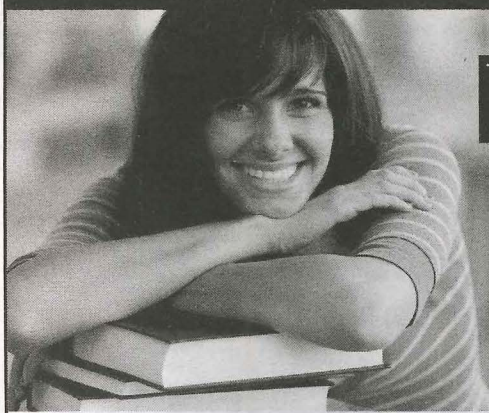
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Featured Artist Katlin Kalan

Age: 22

Major: Studio Art

Concentration: Painting

Year in school: Senior

Hometown: Owatonna, Minn.

Expected graduation date: May 2012

Career goals: *To continually create art that inspires others and hopefully be represented by a gallery.*

Life goals: *For my life to be an adventure – it has definitely been that so far.*

Roseanne Meier Staff Writer

Meet Kaitlin Kalan, a University of Wisconsin-Stout student majoring in studio art with a concentration in painting. Kalan's passion for art radiates from her enthusiasm about painting and life.

"The amazing thing about being an artist is that it's not just in the studio when you're doing work, it's a 24/7 thing," said Kalan. "I can't help but just live art. [Inspiration] might come from a movie, something I read in the newspaper or a photo I see on Flickr. I may not realize in that moment, but maybe a month or years later it will come back to me. 'Oh that photo I saw, I wonder if I still have that?' Anything can be inspiration."

Where does Kalan's story begin?

"I've been making art since before I can remember," said Kalan. "My mom has little drawings from when I was three; my people have little Picasso faces. It's something that has been very natural for me."

Kalan picked up her artistic personality from her parents.

"My mom is a musician," said Kalan. "She was a music major in college. My dad has a creative mind as well. They've been so supportive."

Like many students at UW-Stout, Kalan switched her major during her sophomore year.

"I originally came to Stout for graphic design," said Kalan. "Then during my sophomore year, even though I enjoyed it, I found out that my passion was elsewhere."

Studio art majors with a painting concentration are required to take three painting courses. Lucky for Kalan, it's her favorite course at UW-Stout.

"We each have studio spaces, and our class this semester has become tight," said Kalan. "We share inspirations and even music. We take turns in class on who's going to be the DJ that day."

What kind of music is in Kalan's painting playlist?

"My current playlist is Adele, Sigur Ros, Sleeping at Last, Tallest Man On Earth and Arcade Fire," said Kalan.

Kalan's collage work on tiles is visually striking. Her latest collage collection includes images she found in a UW-Stout yearbook.

"I found an old Stout yearbook from 1962," said Kalan. "I took these images and attached them to a tile. I wasn't sure what the pieces would mean, but it was one of those things that I felt like I needed to make."

Kalan's collage collection is about memories and history.

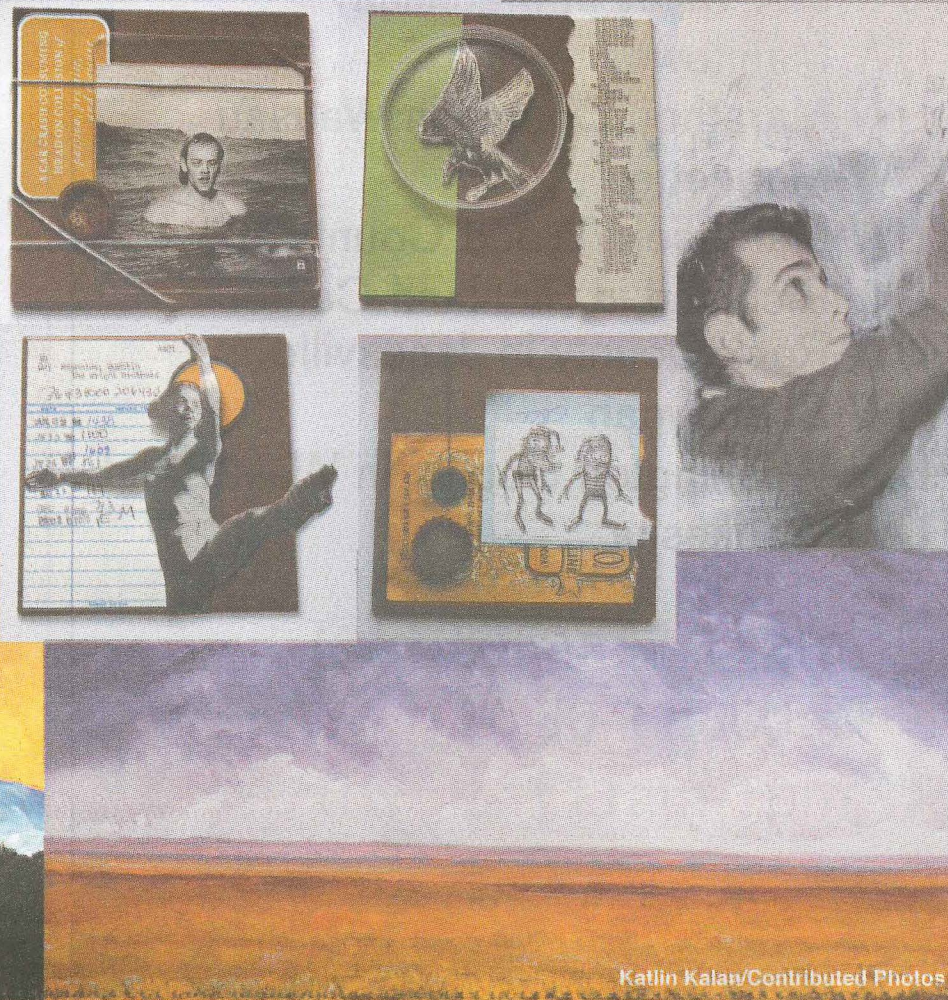
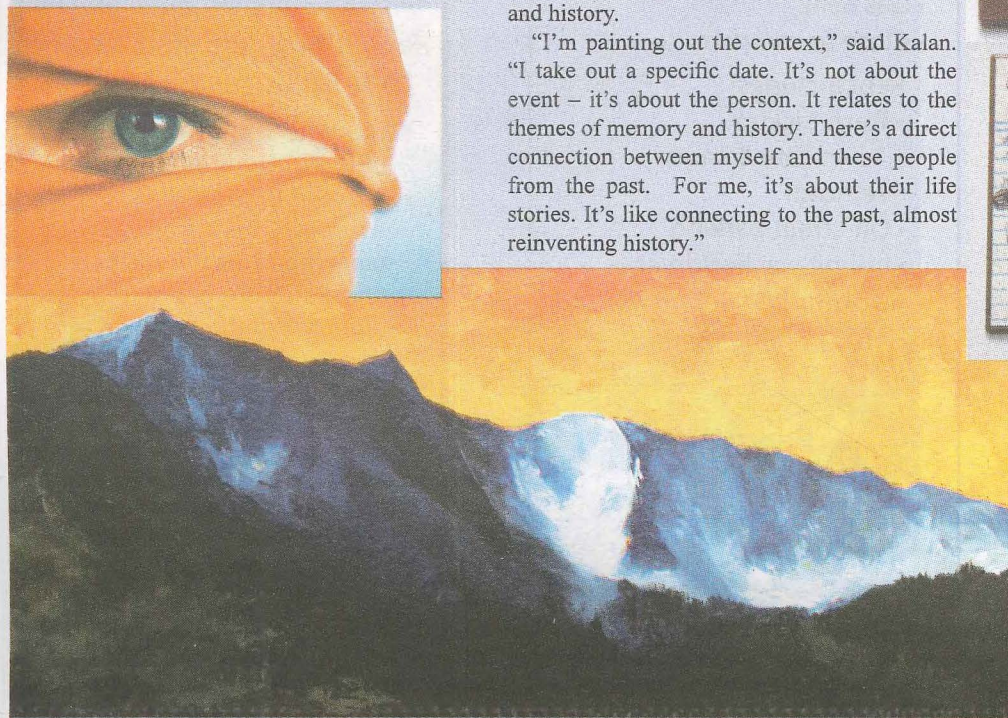
"I'm painting out the context," said Kalan. "I take out a specific date. It's not about the event – it's about the person. It relates to the themes of memory and history. There's a direct connection between myself and these people from the past. For me, it's about their life stories. It's like connecting to the past, almost reinventing history."

Kalan creates the art that she desires to create. However, Kalan explains the pressure that artists face today.

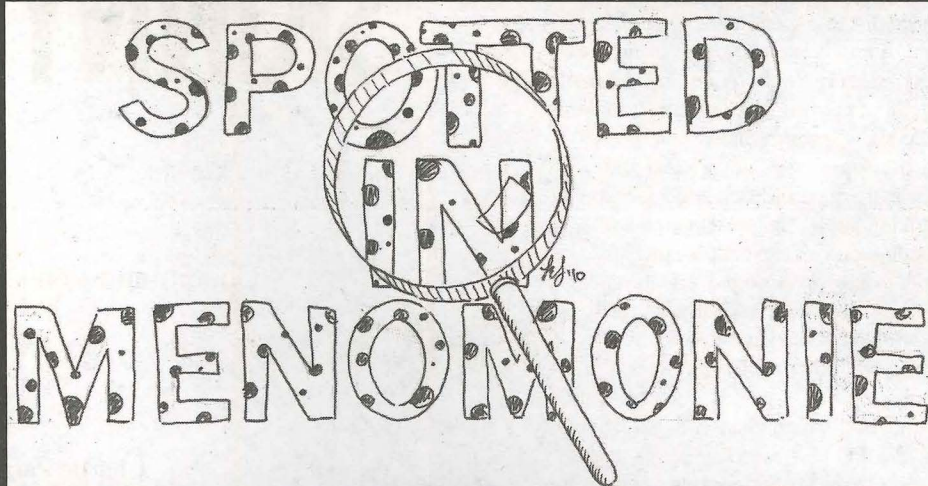
"There's a lot of pressure to make something good or sellable," said Kalan. "For me, it's this passion and something I can't help but do. Getting caught under expectations can take away some of the joy, but it should be something that you find joy in. Make what you want and be true to your own tastes and desires."

Kalan has discovered an important lesson during her time at UW-Stout that she considers when creating art.

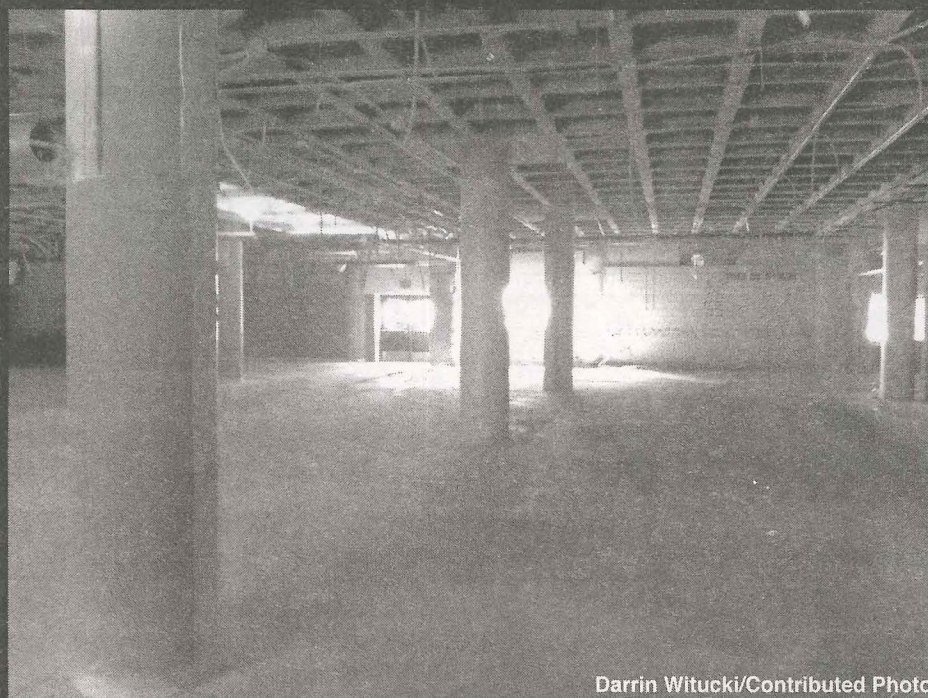
"Don't be afraid to make what you want. There was a visiting artist Richard Hutter- he told me something that a curator told him. 'Everyone benefits when an artist makes what they want.'"



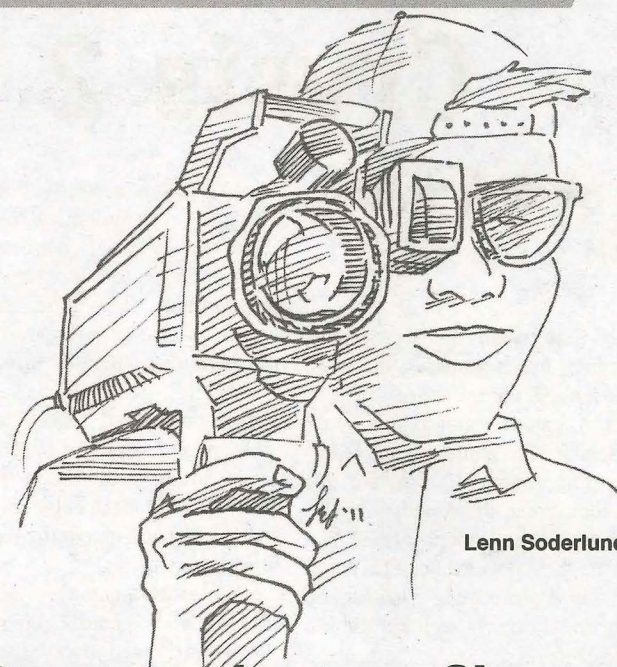
Katlin Kalan/Contributed Photos



The Stoutonia got an exclusive look into the Memorial Student Center renovation project. The image below was taken from approximately where the old SOC desk was. The wall in the back is where the old Stoutonia office was located; now stands a wall of memories and nothing more.



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Lenn Soderlund/Stoutonia

UW-Stout students to film movie

Andrew Vogl

Entertainment Editor

Everyone needs a creative outlet. We all have that natural desire to create things and share them with others. For University of Wisconsin-Stout students Brian Clarke, Bo Lingen, AC Ramlo and Andy Liddell, that outlet is the production of "Be Forgot," a psychological thriller that follows the character of Erica Reichert as she attempts to confront a nightmarish event.

"One day Bo just called me up and said, 'Hey, I want to make a paranormal movie,'" said Clarke. "I had just gotten done watching 'Ghost Adventures,' so I was like, 'Yeah, let's do this.' It took a while to get started, but once we knew what we wanted to do, it really took off and everyone came together."

As it progressed, their plans moved more and more away from the initial paranormal theme and more towards a psychological suspense thriller.

"It still has the feeling of the unknown, but

instead of giving it a metaphysical body, such as a ghost, it's more psychological and based around what the person is perceiving rather than what could be interpreted throughout the entirety of the characters," said Liddell.

The crew hopes to start filming the movie soon. They plan to rent equipment from the library and shoot around Menomonie, including within the dorms, which comes with difficulties.

"We're in the process of getting together with a few dorm hall directors and making sure everything is OK to shoot and we aren't invading anyone's privacy," said Liddell. "There are a lot of road blocks shooting in a place like Stout, simply because you need to consider the students that are here right now."

The movie will most likely be rated "R" due to language.

"We're aiming for a 'real-life' feel, we don't want to put a limitation on language that comes naturally or filter anything that a college student would actually say," said Lingen.

Although the crew is mainly producing the film for their own enjoyment, they also plan to enter into some competitions and festivals once they have a finished product, which they are expecting to have sometime in early 2012.

To find out more information or to read a plot synopsis, visit the movie Facebook page at facebook.com/beforgot.

Interested in creating or joining a UW-Stout film club? The cast and crew of "Be Forgot" would like to hear from you. Drop them a line on their Facebook page.



Crysis 2 Review

Rating: ★★★★★

Hassan Javaid
Staff Writer

There was a time when the worth of a game was measured by its graphics; the more realistic a game looked, the more people loved it. As time went by, games began to look better and better, reaching the point where nearly everything looked impressive. In a day and age when graphics look great all around, "Crysis" rolled out from developer Crytek, a beast of a game that only the most powerful of PCs could run, "Crysis" had jaw-dropping visuals and little else. The game did fairly well but did not break any sales records.

Having done the greatest looking game in recent memory, Crytek has taken another stab at the Crysis franchise, with "Crysis 2." No more the technical masterpiece, "Crysis 2" threw out the lofty goal of looking jaw-dropping and, instead, went for a more optimized, fun and entertaining experience. The result is a much better and overall impressive first-person shooter (FPS) game that trumps the original.

The most obvious change to "Crysis 2" is in its gameplay and pacing. The game forgoes the expansive island area, and instead throws you into some amazing scripted firefights. The overall tighter focus makes the game a very remarkable and impressive product. Combat is intense, fun and quick and often. The game actually sets itself apart from the competition by actually relying on quick and decisive shooting rather than the tried and true "hide behind cover and shoot" formula that most FPS games seem to employ these days.

This deviation from the current overused industry gameplay model is what makes "Crysis 2" feel so fresh. This is made possible by the three "nano-suit" modes that you are

able to switch on the fly. Players of the original "Crysis" will remember the nano-suit powers from the original game as being cool but rather clunky to use. "Crysis 2" significantly streamlines the experience and actually gives you a lot of opportunities to use the three modes. "Stealth" gives you invisibility, "strength" greatly increases your speed and attack power and "armor" takes your damage amount to extremely low levels. Each power does drain your suit's powers. Much of "Crysis 2" is about balancing these powers and combining and managing them in different and unexpected ways.

While the gameplay is definitely exciting and fun, the story is hardly going to win any awards. While fairly well placed, the story is little more than an excuse to move you from one epic battle to the next. Granted, while the story won't have you on the edge of your seat wondering what happens next, the gameplay will more than make up for it. The set pieces in this game are very thrilling, easily rivaling that of Activision's heavy hitter Call of Duty series.

If there is one flaw "Crysis 2" has, it's the enemy artificial intelligence (AI). The AI, much like most console FPS games these days, is not really all that impressive. Enemies will sometimes walk right into your line of fire, or just walk in circles during a firefight. Given how amazing the experience "Crysis 2" is, these flaws tend to stick out more than they normally would. It is worth noting that these AI issues are definitely less pronounced on the PC version of the game.

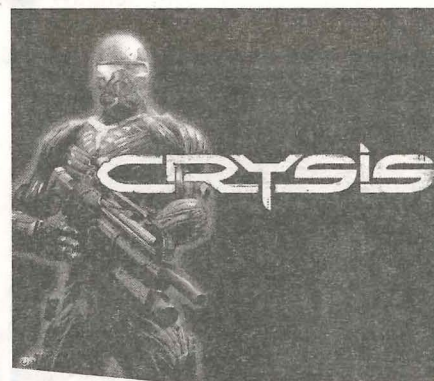
The gameplay and pacing definitely take center stage in "Crysis 2," and while it's definitely not as innovative or ground breaking as its predecessor, "Crysis 2" is still a very fine looking game. The urban environments in the game are jaw dropping, with the chaos and destruction of a ravaged city really showing

through the game's great graphics. The nano-suit, guns, characters and nearly everything else are very well crafted and definitely high up there according to industry standards.

"Crysis 2" won't blow you away in the same way the original did, but it'll still do a rock solid job at looking good. The presentation and production value overall is fantastic, with some great sound effects and a very low-key soundtrack really driving the experience home.

Given that "Crysis" is a multiplatform game, many are wondering which version to get. If you have a PC that can play it, it's a good idea to pass on the console versions and get that, as it is by far the best looking and best playing version. However, most gamers probably don't have access to an awesome gaming rig, and given this case, the Xbox 360 version is definitely the way to go, as it only slightly edges out the PS3 in the graphics department.

No matter which version you get, "Crysis 2" will provide a thrilling, exciting and immersive experience; one that avoids the tropes of the FPS genre, aims for something fresh and looks cool while doing it. If there was one FPS to get this year, "Crysis 2" is it!



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Poetry Contest: Poem in Your Pocket!

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Purpose of the Poetry Contest

National Celebration: April 14th is Poem
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To showcase creative writers at UW-Stout

To reward good writing

To celebrate poetry

To encourage students and faculty to read
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Contest Rules

Write a poem (rhyme, verse, haiku, etc.)

Keep it clean

Keep it under 420 characters (the maximum
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Poems must be posted by midnight, April
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Poems must be shorter than 420 characters,
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The English Department may reproduce the
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All poems submitted will be posted on
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Winners will be announced on April 14th,
Poem in Your Pocket Day!

Lenn Soderlund/Stoutonia

Harvey Hall Theatre celebrates grand reopening CHICAGO

Dana Osteritag
Staff Writer

Celebrate a night of dazzle, wit and jazz as Harvey Hall Theatre reopens its doors on Friday, April 1 at 7:15 p.m. for the production of the popular Broadway musical, "Chicago." Director and choreographer, Paul Calenberg, along with special guest star, Allison Tilsen-Kassabian, are guaranteed to give you a musical sensation to buzz about.

Although the 95-year-old Harvey Hall Theatre has recently undergone some major renovations, do not be fooled, the theatre still carries the same historic charm it once held during its Grand Opening on May 30, 1916. Only this time, the theatre is packed with state of the art technology guaranteed to bring the stage back to life and into the future.

"[The theatre] is everything and more; a head-to-toe makeover that far exceeded my expectations," Calenberg said. "It's very exciting to know 'Chicago' will be the very first production to perform in the new theatre."

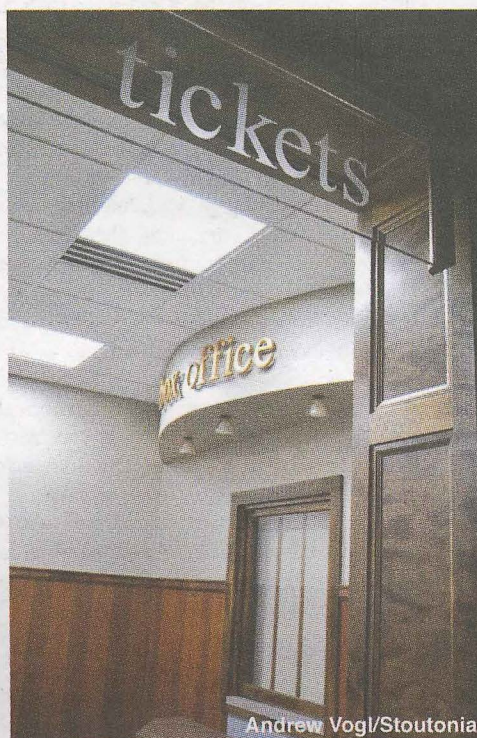
Along with the University of Wisconsin-Stout student cast, special guest star Allison Tilsen-Kassabian will be performing. Tilsen-Kassabian has lived in New York City, traveled all over the states to perform countless numbers of shows and spent two years on the national tour with "Chicago."

"I'm now a stay at home mom with three daughters, but the theatre will always feel like home," said Tilsen-Kassabian.

While on the national tour with "Chicago," Tilsen-Kassabian played the role of Matron "Mama" Morton. And now, years later, she will return to the stage to perform once again in the same role for the UW-Stout presentation of "Chicago."

"It feels like I'm on the road again," said Tilsen-Kassabian.

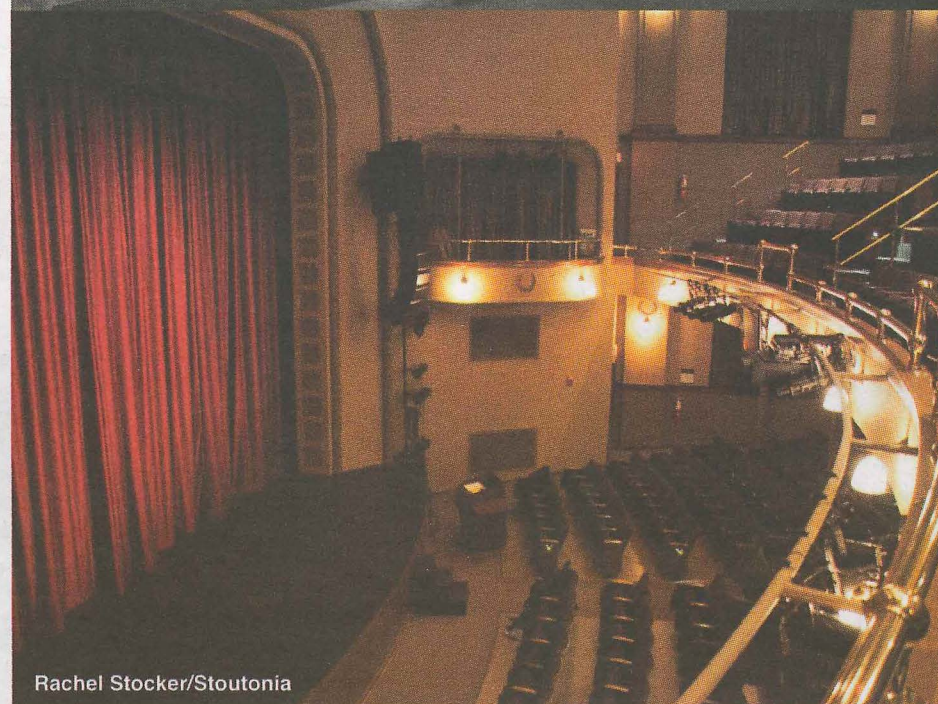
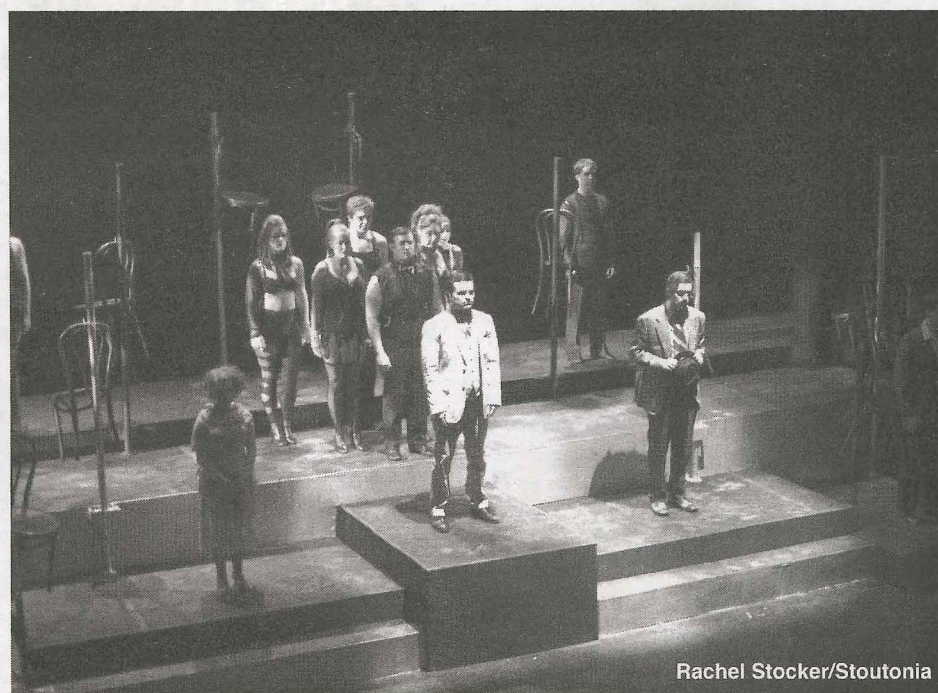
Performing alongside Tilsen-Kassabian



is a cast of 15 extremely talented UW-Stout students. These 15 individuals were selected from an audition of over 60 students.

"The process of watching cast members grow in terms of their role, perfection of their performances and execution of the dances, is where I get joy," said Calenberg. "'Chicago' is a quintessential story of what is in the headlines all the time."

Reminiscent of today's celebrity storyline obsessions, "Chicago" depicts "the storylines we love, that sense of celebrity and that love to discard that celebrity and move on to the next," said Calenberg.



Show Dates & Times:

Friday, April 1 @ 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, April 2 @ 7:30 p.m.

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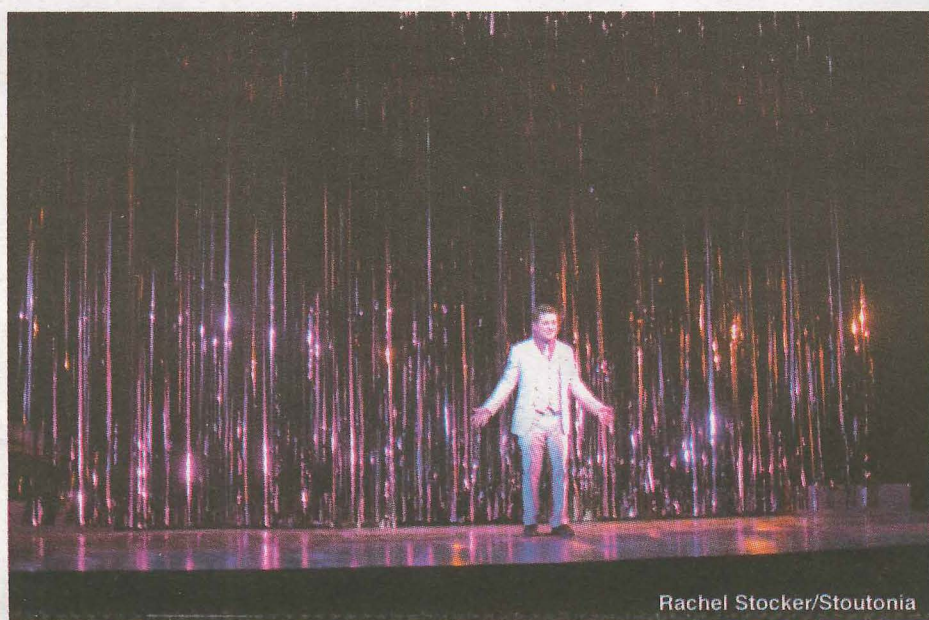
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Explore Menomonie's History at the Heritage Museum

Roseanne Meier
Staff Writer

Did you know that Dunn County had gold mines? Or have you ever wondered what it meant to "sleep tight, don't let the bed bugs bite?" Check out the Russell J. Rassbach Heritage Museum next to Wakanda Park in Menomonie to learn more about the fascinating and inspiring history of Dunn County.

The Rassbach Heritage Museum is the largest museum between Madison and the Twin Cities and has plans to open a science and technology wing before the end of 2011. The museum has an interactive and fresh feeling that will leave you wanting to play and uncover more of Dunn County's history.

The Rassbach Heritage Museum holds a magnitude of information about a variety of influential people and cultures. One of the first things you will discover upon entering the museum is the story of a Menomonie local, Erna Brown, and her trained chimpanzee who played Skippy in the 1930s film, "Tarzan."

Residents of Menomonie may be surprised to hear that the city was a popular meeting place for the Ku Klux Klan. "In the 1920s, everyone thought they were a fraternal group," said the museum's manager, Carol Thibado. Thibado explained that the KKK would have a parade and feed people in order to gain interest in their activities.

Hiding in the staff offices is a seized bottle of whiskey from 1930. Frank Kennett, a former UW-Stout professor who has plans of photographing the entire collection at the Heritage Museum, showed off the bottle that was seized during the prohibition period from Schroeder's Barn. It is this kind of untold history that will leave your mind jogging while visiting the museum.

Visit the library on Friday, April 1 from noon to 4 p.m. to discover the museum's genealogy library. It is here that you will find "The Lumberman," Menomonie's first newspaper.

At the Rassbach Heritage Museum, you can also learn about Caddie Woodlawn, Harry A. Miller race cars, Menomonie's cigar factory, the infamous bank robbers of Menomonie, James

Huff Stout and the history of Stout Manual Training School. You will even be able to rest your eyes upon a 1942 Buick Roadmaster convertible, and much more.

On the grounds of the Rassbach Heritage Museum is the Hilkrest School, a one-room rural schoolhouse. According to the "Remembering Dunn County's Rural Schools" pamphlet found at the museum, "At one time there were more than 6,000 one-room country schools in Wisconsin - 145 in Dunn County alone."

The Rassbach Heritage Museum also hosts a variety of events, including the Heritage Speakers Series. The Heritage Speakers are held in the multi-purpose room that the public is also able to rent out and in the past has been used for birthday parties and a wedding.

The Rassbach Heritage Museum is headquarters for the Dunn County Historical Society (DCHS). DCHS's mission statement declares, "Formed in 1950, the Dunn County Historical Society seeks to discover, preserve, interpret and disseminate knowledge about the history of Dunn County and its role in Wisconsin, and to arouse interest in the past."

In 2010 the DCHS received the Reuben Gold Thwaites Trophy. According to the winter 2010 edition of "The Dunn County Historian," "The trophy is presented to one local historical society affiliated with the Wisconsin Historical Society for 'continued excellence for its overall service to its community over a period of at least five years.'"

The Reuben Gold Thwaites Trophy is a prestigious award.

"The society also received the award in 1970 - one of only three organizations to have done so twice," according to "The Dunn County Historian."

For more information about the Dunn County Historical Society and the Russell J. Rassbach Heritage Museum, visit their website at www.dunnhistory.org. And to learn more about Dunn County's history, you can search the Russell Collection at the following link: http://ezproxy.uwstout.edu/ics-wpd/russell_collection/index.shtml



Roseanne Meier/Stoutonia

Women's Softball team travels to Florida

Jodi Larson
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's softball team has high hopes for this year's 2011 spring season. The softball team starts practicing at the beginning of the year and trains until the end of the semester in May. This year, the team is young. Many seniors have graduated, leaving the team open for many incoming freshmen.

The team has been preparing for the season by lifting weights, conditioning and working to improve field skills. Every year the team goes on a spring training trip to get an early start on practicing outdoors. This year the team played 10 games at the National Training Center in Clermont, Fla. and ended up with seven wins and three losses. The trip is geared toward improving skills and to obtaining more experience playing against other teams.

A big highlight of the trip was beating out the number eight-ranked team in the nation for Division III Messiah University.

"Beating out Messiah University shows that our team does have potential, and it shows that when we all play together at the top of our game," Sam Peterson, an applied science major and

captain of the team from Hudson, Wis., said. "We are a great team capable of beating any team we face. The whole point of spring training is to prepare us for the rest of the season. The weather was great, we were successful, and we had a great time."

Traveling to Florida is a great way for the softball team to prepare for the spring season by escaping the Wisconsin winter and getting on the field sooner.

Many of the athletes on the team have been a part of softball since they were very young. Because of this, the team is very close since the players share similar backgrounds.

"The team this year is a lot of fun," said Brianna Conrad, a junior in business administration. "We have a good group of girls, and we all get along. It's like a second family and we are always there for each other. We do everything as a team, and we will succeed and fail as a team also. I have been on many teams before, but I can say this is one I really enjoy being on and fit right in."

The team shows a lot of strengths with having a close-knit group of athletes with a wide range of skill levels. Many of the girls can play multiple positions, giving the team a leg up against other



schools in the WIAC.

"Our strength is definitely our bats; almost everyone on the team can hit the ball out of the park on any given day," said Pitcher/outfielder Jessica Nicol. "We have worked extremely hard on adapting a new and upcoming type of hitting and it really shows in our game. Secondly, our team has outstanding chemistry. We are like family and we depend on each other and hold each other accountable, like a family would. Everyone has a mutual respect for each other, and that is something some teams can't say they have."

"Softball is fast paced and can change at any time," said pitcher Tara Kimberly. "One hit, one pitch or one play can make a huge difference. I love that it always keeps you on your toes. I really appreciate that it is a sport of detail and failure. I know it sounds funny, but being a good hitter means you fail seven out of every 10 times you step up to the plate. It is a sport that is humbling and because of that makes you work harder. I love the game."

Being part of the UW-Stout softball team has greatly impacted many of the athletes.

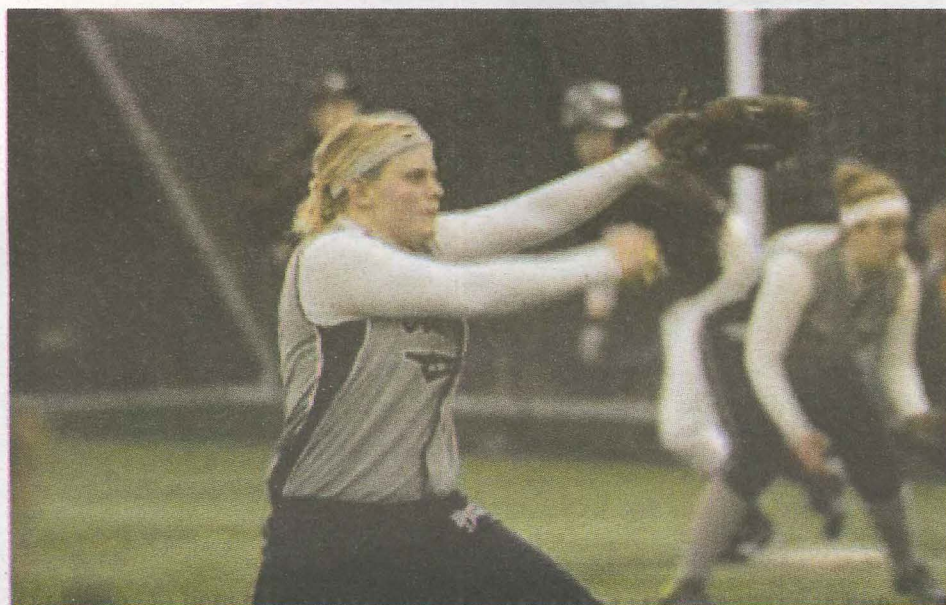
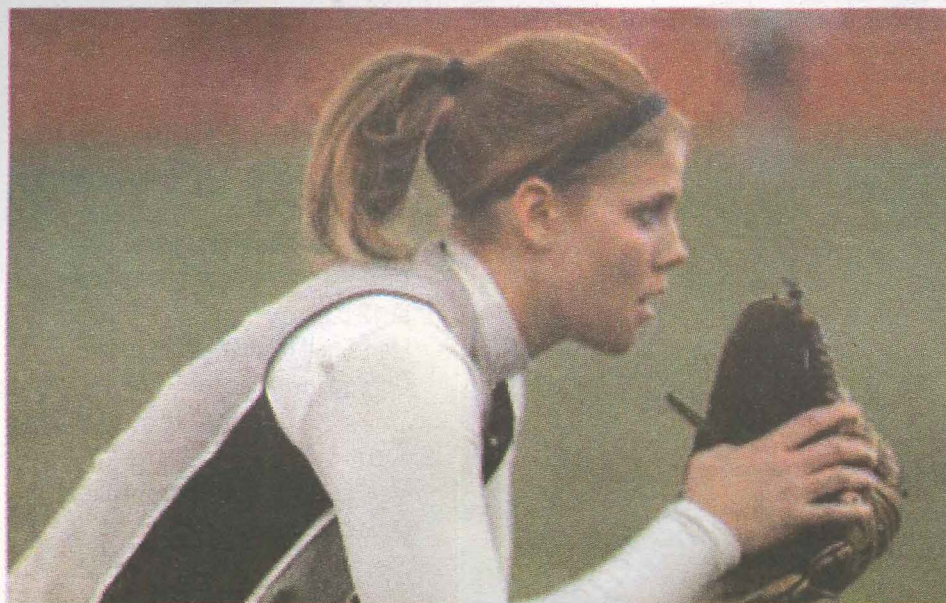
"What I like about the team is that it gives me something to belong to," said Peterson. "When I came here as a freshman- and not knowing many people- it was great to know that I already had

people to go to if I needed help. It was a comfort thing in a way. I like how everyone on the team is competitive. It makes playing the game more fun."

I have learned what it means to be a college athlete. We are held to a much higher standard than the rest of the students at this school, and it makes you think twice about your words and actions. I think I have become a greater student- as you need good grades to participate in athletics. Softball teaches you many life lessons, some of which cannot be taught in the classroom. Hard work, dedication, perseverance, competitiveness, teamwork, commitment, time management, sportsmanship, class and honesty are a few things softball has taught me.

Sports are a major learning tool, and many people forget about that key piece of sports. Many people think we just play around all day long, but we work hard even when we are having fun. I have learned a lot from softball that I never would have learned in a classroom listening to a lecture."

The UW-Stout softball team is gearing up for another spring season. With preparation and hard work, the team is bound to have a good year. Come and cheer the team on at the first game on April 2 down on the softball fields by Johnson Fieldhouse.



Pitcher Bri Conrad went strong into the sixth inning.

Layne Pitt / Contributed photo.

UW-Stout's Paintball Club: Competitive human target practice

Morgan Pfaller
Staff Writer

The snow is beginning to melt, and people are ready to go outside and enjoy some nice fresh air after months of enduring a very harsh winter. It's the time of year where procrastination blossoms more than weeds along the sidewalk, and students begin to go stir crazy sitting in the classroom listening to another lecture. Spring is here, and while the walk to class can provide an excellent chance to watch the spring season bloom, students should seek the opportunity to join an outdoor activity, such as the University of Wisconsin-Stout Paintball Club.

Normally students have the opportunity to travel to Elk Mound, Wis., or Eau Claire, Wis., to compete against their friends on the paintball course. Joining the UW-Stout's Paintball Club however is an inexpensive alternative to participate in a college sponsored club and an opportunity to interact with other students on campus. This year it has 45 members participating with 20 tournament level players, and it is encouraging more UW-Stout students to join in on the fun.

Paintball is often overlooked as one of the more popular sports and can be considered a rather rough activity. It can be played in teams or individually; the object of the game is to eliminate opponents by striking them with paint filled capsules propelled from a paintball marker,

better known as a paintball gun. Games are usually played on outdoor fields with natural or artificial terrain, which is used by players to strategize their method of play.

The UW-Stout Paintball Club participates in the sport all year round and tries to meet as often as possible in the summer. In the winter season, members practice indoors with Reballs, which are not filled with paint in the multi-purpose room in the Johnson Fieldhouse or in Chippewa Falls, Wis. at Firststrike Paintball Games.

Members are encouraged to provide their own equipment and gear since the club cannot provide it for them. However, it offers rental equipment to inexperienced players. Club president, Walker Gaustche, recommends new members use the Plant Eclipse Egos gun, since most of the team shoots with that particular model. He describes paintball as "a rugged sport, but a safe one. It may sting when you get hit [with a paintball] but I personally believe it safer than most would think," said Walker. "And overall it's a fun, competitive, aggressive and a great team-building sport."

The UW-Stout team competes as a part of the National Collegiate Paintball Association (NCPA) against other Midwest colleges including the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Winona State and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. This year, Nationals are being held in Florida, where the team will take on schools

such as Purdue, the University of Texas and Ohio State.

The club is going to Nationals this year in Lakeland Fla. with two five-man lines, along with two alternate players from April 14th-18th. They practiced together as a team in this past weekend's tournament at Commando Paintball in Green Bay, Wis. Last year the UW-Stout paintball team placed 15th out of 50 colleges at Nationals.

The organization also participates in the "Stout Colleges Against Cancer" walk as a fundraiser to promote the club and a chance to raise awareness of the disease among UW-Stout students.

"It is important to become involved with the community to encourage people to get involved with the sport," said Gaustche. "The club also created T-shirts to raise money to participate in tournaments and purchase rental equipment for the team."

"I joined the club as a freshman at UW-Stout in 2008, and now I'm a junior and the president of the organization," said Gaustche. "Joining a club such as the paintball team can build great teamwork skills and will give any individuals the chance to get outside— now that the team is no longer practicing indoors— and meet other students."

The Paintball Club practices from 7-11 p.m. in the Multi-purpose room (MPR) in the Johnson Fieldhouse and has weekly meetings

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upcoming sporting events

- **April 1:**
Men's golf competes in Illinois at the Wesleyan Invitational
- **April 2:**
Men's track and field competes at the University of Chicago Ted Haydon Invite, 11:30 p.m.
Women's track and field competes at the University of Chicago Ted Haydon Invite, 11:30 p.m.
Baseball competes at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse at 12 p.m.
Men's golf competes at the Wesleyan Invitational
- **April 3:**
Women's tennis competes against Minnesota State University-Mankato at 9 a.m.
Baseball competes against the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse at 12 p.m.
Men's golf competes at Loras College Invitational
- **April 4:**
Men's Golf competes at the Loras College Invitational
- **April 7:**
Softball competes against the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire at 4 p.m.
- **April 8:**
Men's track and field competes at the Falcon Invite, 3 p.m.
- **April 9:** Men's track and field competes at the Falcon Invite, 10 a.m.
Women's track and field competes at the Falcon Invite 10 a.m.
Baseball competes against the University of Wisconsin-Platteville

Baseball team forced indoors

Andrew Liddell
Staff Writer

Spring athletes here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout are affected by the weather, the UW-Stout men's baseball team, which relies on being outside in wide, open spaces in order to properly practice is no exception.

Usually, the players would already be outside on the field catching fly balls, but so far, they have been forced to use the indoor facilities here on campus. These facilities can supply a total of four pitching mounds, four batting cages and enough room to house two full in-fields to the team, which is more than enough to get the players started up this season.

Seth Maier, the head coach for the men's baseball team, says that he would much rather have his team outside than inside a building but that it will have to do until the weather begins to warm up.

"As far as practice goes, we'd like to be outside, but thankfully our indoor facilities allow us to practice even in this weather," said Maier.

The team recently returned from Arizona over spring break and brought back a record of 3-7, which was mostly due to the changes in both the windy weather and sunny environment.

"We didn't play as well as we'd hoped," said Maier. "Our guys made adjustments the last couple days, but we're looking forward to it." So far, the team has experienced a few problems with warming up this season, but Maier says that it will

hopefully start to get warmer so that the players can start adjusting to the outdoors.

The recent losses aside, the team itself is really starting to work better as a collective group, partially because the team has been recovering from a series of past injuries.

"Current first-baseman Greg Smolinski had a torn ACL last year and did not play, but now he's back as a fifth year senior and is healthy. He's been a big addition to the team," said Maier. "Brandon O'Connell also broke his hand last year but is with us again, so we have a couple returning veterans."

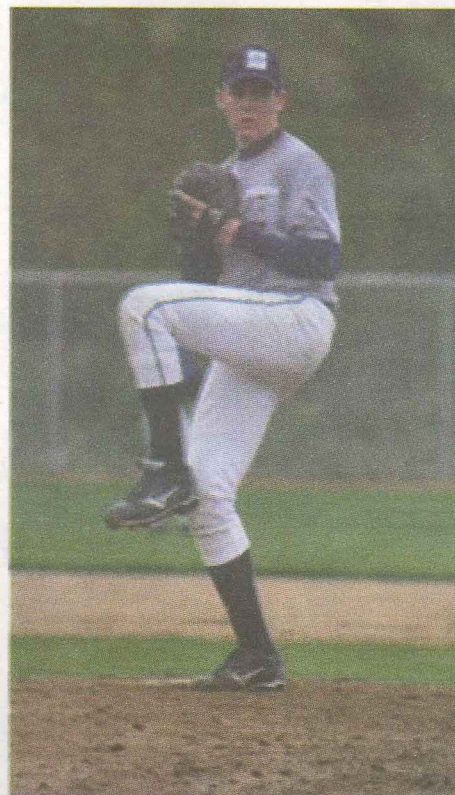
Last year, O'Connell batted a .344 average before suffering a hand injury and Smolinski had the second-highest batting average on the team in 2009 with an average of .348.

Other players people should be watching out for are Brian Giebel, a senior outfielder from River Falls, and Jeff Huth, a junior outfielder who is currently the top hitter.

With all the past experience that Maier has accumulated, he was very humble when it came to sharing his knowledge with the team.

"I've learned a couple things that we can use in our season, but it's each of the assistant coaches that contribute something of their own," Maier says.

"We're hoping to learn as much from our players as they learn from us," Maier added, saying that he might be the coach, but he never stops learning.



The team hopes for conditions like this on April 2, its, first home game.

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Beaulieu named WIAC gymnastics Coach of the Year

Morgan Pfaller
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout's head gymnastics coach Becky Beaulieu was named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Coach of the Year for the 2011 season on March 15 in Madison, Wis. This award is decided based on votes from other coaches in the league. After Beaulieu, a Shoreview, Minn. resident, led her team to progressively improve its score over the season, it was a sign that the prestigious award was attainable. This is Beaulieu's sixth year coaching the Blue Devil squad.

In their first meet of the year, the Blue Devils earned a score of 177.075 and most recently, Beaulieu coached her team to a school record of 184.150 at the WIAC Championship/National Collegiate Gymnastics Association NCGA West Regional meet. The third place finish sent the Blue Devils to the NCGA National Championship meet for the first time since they went in 2001.

The team traveled to Eau Claire, Wis. on March 25 to compete with six other teams. Beaulieu is quick to give credit to her squad, mentioning how the girls have been there to support each other every step of the way to Nationals.

"Friday night [March 25] consisted of a light practice, and there were six girls not competing the next day, however, instead of leaving early they stayed with their teammates and busted their butts for two hours," Beaulieu said. "It was that attitude and determination that really set the tone for the rest of the team."

On Saturday, March 26, Naomi DeLara, a senior from Kahului, Hawaii/Maui, won two



Becky Beaulieu enters her sixth season as head coach. Layne Pitt / Contributed photo.

national titles and was named the West Region Gymnast of the Year at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire's McPhee Center. DeLara finished her extraordinary college gymnastics career by winning the balance beam and vault title setting a school record on the vault with a score of 9.700. DeLara also dominated the beam competition receiving a score of 9.90, setting

the bar high for her competitors from Hamline University and UW-Eau Claire.

DeLara's title marks the fourth consecutive season a Blue Devil gymnast has won a national gymnastics title. In 2008, DeLara won the national balance beam and the floor exercise title in 2009. Last season, she earned All-American honors when she placed 10th on the balance beam. In WIAC competition, DeLara recently won the 2011 balance beam and floor exercise titles. In 2010, DeLara won the WIAC floor exercise title.

It was Head Coach Becky Beaulieu who recruited DeLara to attend UW-Stout and try out for the school's squad. "Naomi brought a new level of gymnastics to Stout with her leadership skills and kind personality," said Beaulieu.

As a team, the Blue Devils finished seventh at the meet in Eau Claire. Megan Dahl, a senior from Andover, Minn., was selected to the NCGA All-Academic Team. Jenna Lensing, a sophomore from Little Canada, Minn., and Brittany DeZiel, a freshman from Rogers, MN, both scored their second best all-around scores of the season. Lensing placed 12th in the all-around with a score of 36.770, and DeZiel was 18th with a 36.125. Heather Harmeyer, a junior from Milwaukee Wis., was 19th on the uneven bars with a score of 9.050. Beaulieu has described these four girls as "exceptional leaders who really know how to motivate the team."

Becky Beaulieu was honored as WIAC Coach of the year, but before she gives herself any credit for the title, she mentions her squad and all the

hard work it has done over the year.

"I work with really talented girls who always like to have fun and still manage to come together as a team and work hard toward their achievements," said Beaulieu.

Beaulieu served as a graduate assistant at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse from 2001-03 as the Eagles won two more NCGA crowns during that time. Beaulieu coached gymnasts at the Maui (Hawaii) Gymnastics Academy from 2004-05.

Beaulieu says the greatest aspect of coaching gymnastics at a college level is watching the girls grow in that time period. "From 18 to 22 is a tremendous growth period- to watch these women grow and see what gymnastics does to their level of confidence is an amazing experience."

Not only does her record with UW-Stout prove she is an excellent coach, but her squad's admiration of her shows that she connects with her players beyond the mat.

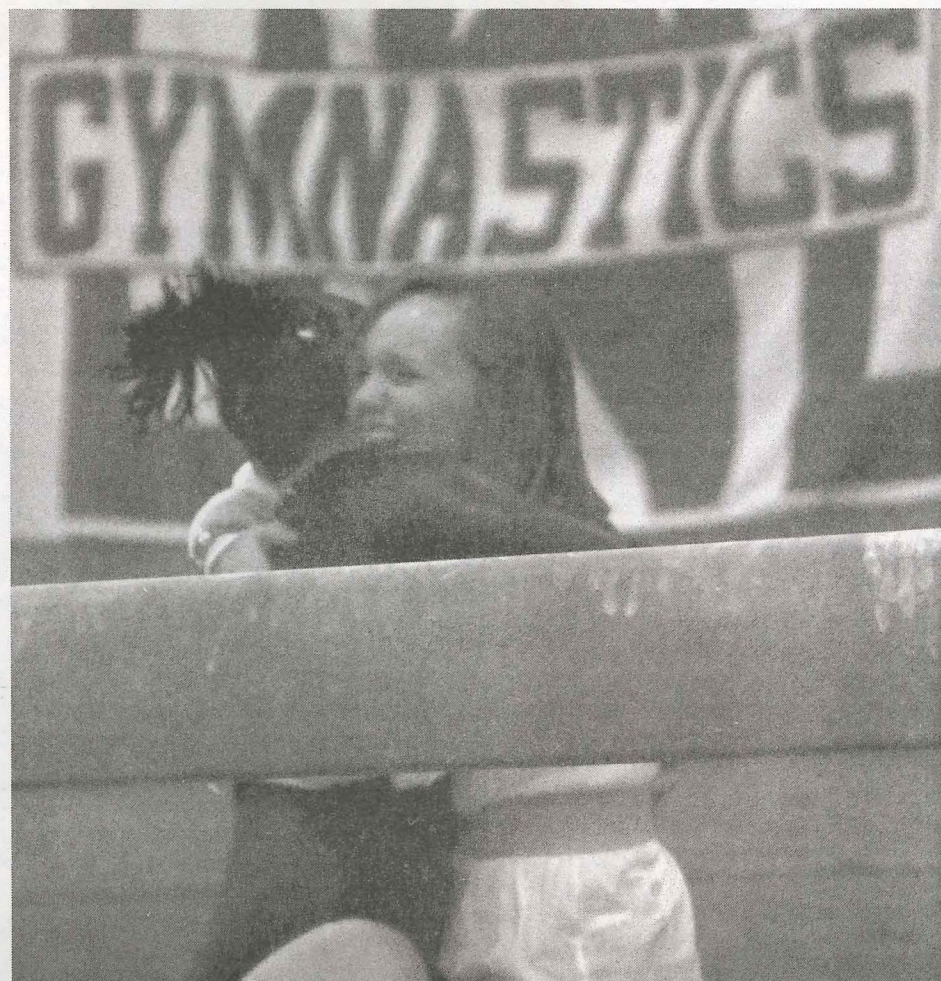
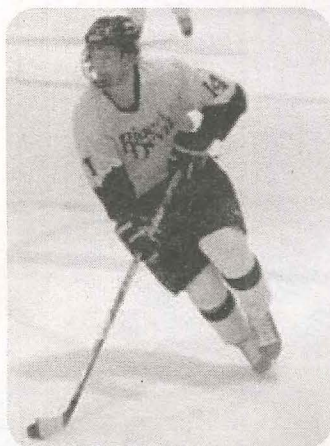
"I think she deserved this award," said Jennifer Boeckman, a sophomore from St. Cloud, Minn. "She built a strong team this year and pushed us to our full potential as a squad. It was a huge accomplishment, and she was one of the reasons that got us there, not just raw talent as a team, but carefully thought out practice assignments and team bonding games throughout the year."

Branden Gay

This senior is from Calgary in the Province of Alberta Canada, is a hotel, restaurant and tourism management major and plays forward on the University of Wisconsin-Stout hockey team. Gay has seen action in 24 games so far and was a first team selection to the Division III Reebok Men's Hockey All-American team.



"Sometimes it's hard balancing grades with athletic performance, but, normally it's not too bad," said Gay. "The teachers at UW-Stout understand if you have to leave class early for a game or practice. I joined the Blue Devils hockey team because I wanted to join a competitive Division III team that had a shot at winning a national championship. I will hopefully continue playing hockey after I graduate, hopefully in Europe. I'm not worried about graduating."



Becky Beaulieu hugs Naomi DeLara after DeLara wins at the WIAC meet.

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Blue Devil SCOREBOARD



Women's Softball

The University of Wisconsin-Stout softball team's trip to Florida ended with a bang with the team beating Messiah College, 1-0, and New England College, 3-2. The game against Messiah College was defensive, during the sixth inning Courtney Richardson homered for the first and winning run of the game. Bri Conrad had two strike outs holding Messiah scoreless. The game against New England was neck and neck. New England got an early lead, but Sam Hastings and Shanen Stainer led UW-Stout to the win.

UW-Stout is scheduled to play its first home game against the University of Wisconsin Stevens-Point on Saturday, April 2.



Gymnastics

The University of Wisconsin-Stout's gymnastics team qualified for the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association Championships for the first time since the 2001 season when UW-Stout last hosted the national championship meet. While the Blue Devils will not be hosting the tournament, they did host the NCGA West Regional's two weeks before and took advantage of the home meet with a command performance on the floor exercise. Jenna Lensing and Brittany DeZiel both notched their second best all-around scores of the season. Naomi DeLara qualified for the individual finals.

The gymnastics team will return next season.



Blue Devil Baseball

On the third day of its competition in Phoenix, Ariz., the University of Wisconsin-Stout baseball team won, 6-2, against Augsburg College during the second half of a double header. During the first game, Brian Giebel, from River Falls, Wis., and Matt Guida, a sophomore from Hawley, Minn., each finished two-for-three. Carter Vogt, a sophomore from Buffalo, Minn., suffered his first loss of the season. During the second game, Corey Hedeem, a sophomore from Cannon Falls, Minn., led the charge with six solid innings of pitching.

UW-Stout will return to action on Saturday, April 2, when they travel to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

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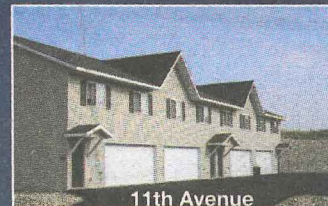
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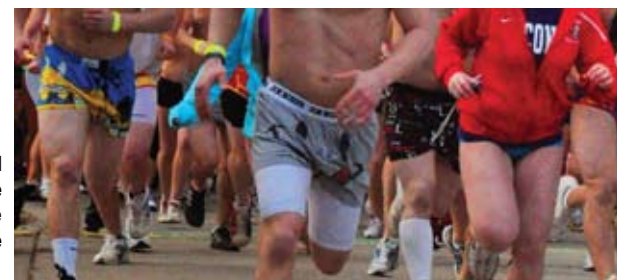
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UW-Stout Earth Week events

Jerad Maplethorpe
News Editor

In celebration of Earth Day, which occurs on April 22, a variety of University of Wisconsin-Stout organizations have planned a week full of events running from April 14 through April 20. The events were organized through the efforts of Greensense, the Natural Areas Club, the Sustainable Agriculture Education Association and the applied science program, along with the Menomonie community group "Sustainable Dunn."

"We want to educate students about what is happening on campus and help them become more environmentally conscious," said Greensense President and Earth Week Coordinator Michael Neuendorf.

"We wanted to offer a wide range of fun activities for students to volunteer at with many different student groups and community members," said Camille Thorson, secretary of Greensense and the campus sustainability intern. "We hope that the students will learn something new, meet new people at each event and really start to build community."

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- Screening of the documentary, "Green Fire," based on the philosophies of environmentalist Aldo Leopold at 7-9 p.m. on April 14 in room 110 in the Jarvis Hall Science Wing.
- Gary Guller, mountain climber and motivational speaker at 7-10 p.m. on April 15 in Applied Arts room 210.

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- Highway cleanup meeting at 5 p.m. on April 18 on the east side of Jarvis Hall.
- Radical Reels Film Fest at 7:30-10 p.m. on April 18 in Applied Arts room 210.
- Green Parking Space from noon to 4 p.m. on April 19, in parking lots north of North Hall, and between HKMC and CKTO halls. Students will compete to see who can temporarily transform parking spots into the best green spaces.
- Outdoor classroom workday at 4 p.m. on April 19 meeting in room of 141 Jarvis Hall Science Wing and proceed to the outdoor classroom natural area south of Nelson Field.
- Author John Ikerd at 6-9 p.m. on April 19 in room 110 of Jarvis Hall Science Wing. His presentations will be "Authentic Sustainability; Beyond the 3-Rs," 6-7 p.m., and "Sustainability to a New and Better World," 7:30-8:30 p.m. Ikerd's books include "Crisis and Opportunity: Sustainability in American Agriculture," "Sustainable Capitalism: A Matter of Common Sense," "A Return to Common Sense" and "Small Farms Are Real Farms."
- Brickyard disc golf course cleanup from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 20.
- Earth Day celebration from 2-7 p.m. on April 20 on the lawn south of the Memorial Student Center. Activities include a plant sale, coffee taste-testing, tie-dyeing and raffles. Live music will be performed by Patchouli from 2-4 p.m. and The Last Semester from 4:30-5:30 p.m.



Groove Committee Performing at Earth Day 2010.

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Free Tie-Dyeing at Earth Day 2010.

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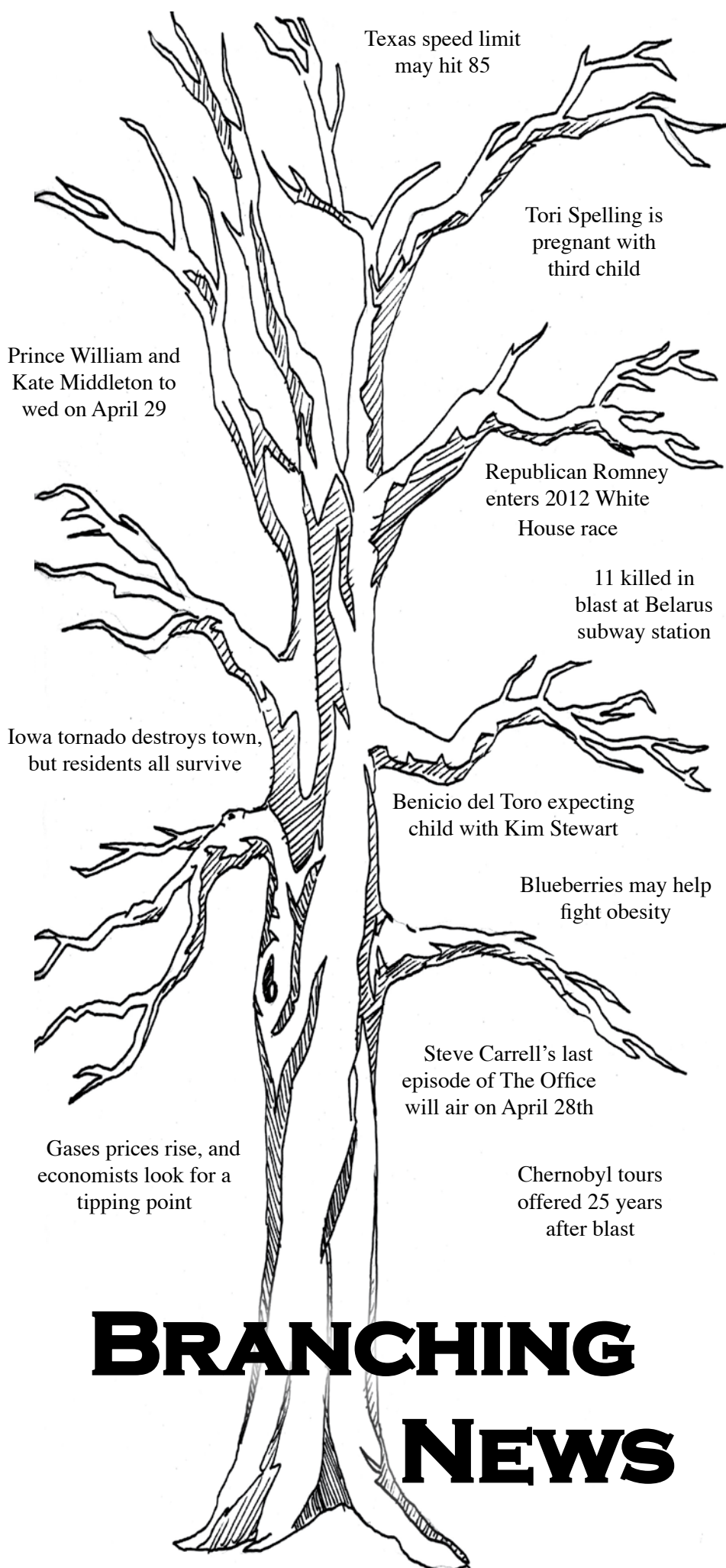
GreenSense Highway 29 Clean-up, Earth Week 2010.

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Earth Day Facts and Figures

- The first Earth Day was on April 22, 1970.
- Earth Day was founded by a senator from Wisconsin.
- Earth Day is the largest secular modern holiday in the world.
- More than 20 million Americans participated in the first Earth Day.
- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to watch TV for three hours.
- Approximately 250 million trees could be saved each year if every newspaper was recycled.
- The first major international conference on environmental issues was held in Sweden in 1972 and was sponsored by the United Nations.
- More than 20 million Hershey's kisses are wrapped each day, using 133 square miles of recyclable tinfoil.

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BRANCHING NEWS

The UW-Stout Band and Band Tour 2011

Samuel Homan
Staff Writer

On Saturday, April 9 at 11 a.m., the University of Wisconsin-Stout Band, directed by Dr. Aaron M. Durst, presented its spring concert in the Menomonie High School Auditorium (It was held there due to the renovation of the Memorial Student Center.) The band was anxious about holding a concert in a new location because its members were accustomed to performing in the Great Hall, but the results were success. According to a few band members, the concert on Saturday were a huge success and a lot of fun. The concert was one of the first events kicking off Family Weekend activities at UW-Stout.

The Jazz Band opened the concert with a song called "Jumpin' at the Woodside," a well-known Count Basie tune. The performances followed are as listed: "Northwoods Sunrise" by Dean Sorenson, "Portrait of Winnette" by Mark Taylor and "Boogie Stop Shuffle" by Charles Mingus. The band concluded with the popular tune, "How High the Moon" by Nancy Hamilton and Morgan Lewis. The jazz soloists included Joe Strande, Kyle Conradt, Elsa Pedersen, Kayla Grupe, Samuel Homan, Karl Jakober, Erin Kowalke and Beau Janke.

The Concert Band played selections of a more traditional band repertoire representing styles from around the world. Dr. Durst's intention was to take the audience on an international musical journey. The compositions included "Nobles of the Mystic Shrine," by John Philip Sousa, "The Lord of the Rings" and "Ye Banks and Braes O' Boonie Doon," by Percy Grainger, "Pictures at an Exhibition," by Modest Moussorgsky and "Variations on a Korean Folk Song," by John Barnes Chance. The performance closed with "Costa del Sol," by David Shaffer.

On Thursday, April 14, the UW-Stout Band will depart for its annual trip known as "Band Tour." The UW-Stout Band will travel around the Midwest, more specifically this year Wisconsin, to play for high schools.

Students in the UW-Stout Band are volunteers in a sense, as there is no music major offered at UW-Stout. Subsequently, many in the band are passionate about music, even though they are attend-

ing school for a different major.

"Band Tour is a great way to connect with younger students and hopefully persuade them to stick with music and think about ways to incorporate music into their everyday lives," said Ashley Popp, a band member.

One of the band's goals is to demonstrate that high school students planning on attending college can make the time to play music even if they are majoring in an unrelated field. The band also wants to inspire students to better themselves musically and develop character.

The following is the plan for Band Tour 2011:

The first stop will be at Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau High School, which is located in Galesville, Wis. Later that day, they will head over to Holmen High School in Holmen, Wis. Both the jazz and concert band will play their full sets. Afterward, the band will rest at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells, Wis. The next day, the band will rise early and depart for Mauston High School in Mauston, Wis. The tour will conclude with a last performance at Riverdale High School in Muscoda, Wis. before returning to UW-Stout.

Contact Dr. Aaron M. Durst at dursta@uw-stout.edu or call him at 715-232-1201 for more information about the UW-Stout Band.



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Dr. Aaron M. Durst



Undie Run recap



Rachael Lundeen
Staff Writer

On Advisement Day Eve, April 4, 150 University of Wisconsin-Stout students ran around campus in their underwear. This event, sponsored by the American Marketing Association (AMA), drew a lot of attention, including numerous Eau Claire, Wis. news stations. WQOW News of Eau Claire attended the event and interviewed a few runners and students involved in the planning of the event.

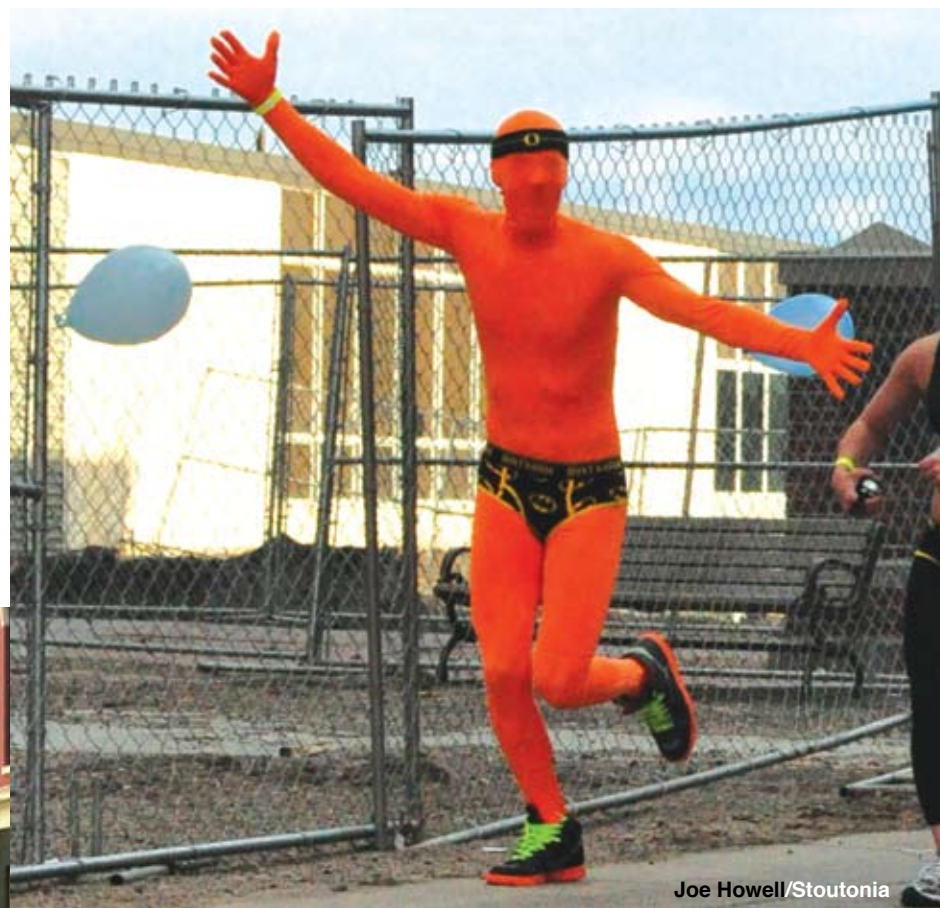
Registration started at 5:30 p.m., and participants were able to pump themselves up, talk with other runners and listen to the DJ on site. At 6:30 p.m., runners were instructed to remove their clothes and prepare for the run. Shortly after the run started, the DJ blasted Nelly's hit, proclaiming "It's getting hot in here, so take off all your clothes." The one-mile route was a loop through

campus that started and ended at Harvey Hall.

"I am on the AMA board but also ran in the event," said junior Elizabeth Nikoley. "I think the event turned out great. I started the race in the front but found myself more interested in watching what everyone else was wearing and doing, so I ended up in the back. Some people got really dressed up for the event, and even had matching team outfits. It was really awesome, and I even got to be interviewed for the news. I can't wait for next year's run."

"We donated over 25 bags of clothes to Hope Gospel in Eau Claire," said AMA junior member Jordan Kinneman. "It was a lot of work putting the event together, but the end result really showed that we can make a difference."

Look out for AMA's Undie Run next year. For questions and comments contact ama@uw-stout.edu. For an online viewing of this year's run, visit UW-Stout AMA's Facebook page.



Joe Howell/Stoutonia



Undie Run participants ran through campus in order to donate clothes to the needy and have a good time doing it.

Joe Howell/Stoutonia



Rachael Lundeen/Stoutonia

2011 Optimal Health & Wellness Fair: A wonderful turnout

Bringing fitness and fun to UW-Stout

Tiffany Willits
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, April 6, yoga sessions, Papa Murphy's pizza, Jimmy John's subs, health screenings and a bike raffle made the University of Wisconsin-Stout Health & Wellness Fair a huge success. More than 50 health and wellness vendors from the Menomonie area set up

booths in the Johnson Field House Multi-Purpose Room from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a day full of fun activities. Some of the vendors that participated in the event included the American Red Cross, Caribou Coffee, Curves for Women, Dunn County Health Department, Light Touch Therapeutic Massage, Medicine Shoppe on Main, Red Cedar Chiropractic and the University Dining Services. New vendors attended

the fair this year too, including Being Thin and Healthy's Total Solution. The event was free and had a total of 552 attendees.

"The Raw Deal came for the first time and I think their coffee was a huge hit," said Health and Wellness Student Coordinator Jessica Price. "The Lammer's booth was another success, and they attracted a lot of people with their wheat-grass shots and other energy alternatives."

Cynthia Bland, an Art History Professor, held yoga classes in the West Gym from 1-2 p.m. Eight participants attended the first session and ten participants attended the second one. (probably cutting this paragraph)

Bad Cat Bicycles donated a bike and Wal-Mart donated a flat screen TV to be raffled off when the fair came to a close. Everyone received a free entry form for completing a short survey at the last booth of the fair. Those who chose to bring their health fair advertising postcard, canned good or reusable bag were given additional entry forms. Scott Pelletier won the bicycle and Joey Vaiser walked away with the flat screen. [get years of students before production]

"Approximately 40 attendees brought their Health Fair advertising postcards, and our food

donations increased this year," said UW-Stout Student Health Director Janice Ramaeker. "A very large box of boxed and packaged food was delivered to Dunn County's Stepping Stones Food Pantry following the Health Fair."

"The 2011 Health Fair had a great turnout," said Price. "All of the vendors from this year said they would definitely be interested in attending the fair again next year. There were more students that attended this year as compared to last year, and overall it was generally the same amount of people that have come in the past, give or take a few."

Next year the Health & Wellness Fair hopes to add more vendors to the list as well as looking for more vendors that pertain to the adult and staff population.

"We had great feedback on the posters and everything that we sent out to inform people about the fair, and students have even suggested to have more student-friendly prizes such as longboards and a disc golf set," said Price. "We will take these suggestions as an option for next year. Overall, the 2011 Optimal Health & Wellness Fair was a great experience to be a part of, and I am very happy with the turnout."



The Health & Wellness Fair had a great turnout and even Chanceller Sorensen stopped by and posed by the raffle table next to the bike.

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The Mayo Health System's booth gave healthy nutrition information and attendees could observe food and guess which foods were better to eat.

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SSA debate

Eric Thorson
Editor-in-Chief

On Monday, April 11, the debate for the Stout Student Association (SSA) president was held at the Bank building. (The Bank building is serving as the temporary home to all organizations that were housed in the Memorial Student Center.) The main lobby served as the venue for the debate between candidates Neal Peterson and Anna Holl and was proctored by current SSA President Sawyer Lubke and Vice President Andrew Steele.

There were approximately 20 students in attendance to hear the candidates for president of the student body speak about their views on the current state of the University of Wisconsin-Stout and their intentions as future president. (That attendance number includes the candidates, proctors and the Student Organization Center employee that was working at the desk at the time.)

The elections will be administered via e-mail on Thursday, April 15 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SSA Presidential Candidate Neal Peterson

My name is Neal Peterson, and I am running for president of SSA. I have been involved in SSA for three years, and I would like to use my experience to stand up for student rights as your student body president. It is one thing to have great ideas, but it is another to understand how to see the ideas unfold. I have the drive and the experience to make the impact that the University of Wisconsin-Stout needs.

As director of financial affairs, I have come to understand the allocable and non-allocable segregated fee process. In other words, I know how student dollars are spent on campus, and I can work to better utilize students' money. If we are going to see more services provided without increasing fees, then we need a leader who has seen different segregated fees that can be used more efficiently.

Also, if I am elected, I plan on reaching out to as many students as possible. I believe the best way to represent the student body is to work one-on-one with the students.



SSA Presidential Candidate Anna Holl

My name is Anna Holl, and I want to speak for the students of the University of Wisconsin-Stout. There have been a lot of recent changes at our university, and I want students to feel their needs and wants are being heard. I have spent three years at UW-Stout building connections and am confident I can represent the students of UW-Stout.

A few things I want to make happen include:

1. Change harsh disciplinary actions on campus
2. Keep the first floor of the library open 24 hours a day
3. Advertise events on campus on an easily accessible Web page
4. Fund a campus cab for safe night transport
5. Continue to support the "No Hate Campaign" against bias and bullying

I am from a small town in north-east Wisconsin. I went to the University of Minnesota my freshman year, before transferring to UW-Stout for what I thought would be temporary. Within two weeks, I fell in love with UW-Stout and knew I would never transfer back. I am a dual major in applied science and human development and family studies.



I have played four years of rugby and have always maintained a job on campus. You may have met me when I helped you with your student financial account at Student Business Services or know me from my work in the Art Department. I currently work as a building manager in our Athletic Complex and have office hours for the Sport Clubs Commission. On campus, I have also been in a variety of organizations and held a number of officer positions. Currently, I spend spare hours volunteering at the local elementary school tutoring students. Each summer, I also volunteer teaching high school students about state and local government through the American Legion Auxiliary.

The bottom line: I think understanding government is important, but I know it is not for everybody. I can be the ears that listen to your issues, and, with your vote, I can become your voice. If you have any questions, feel free to post on the wall or e-mail me at holla@my.uwstout.edu.



Calendar of Events

STOUT ADVENTURES - 56 Sports & Fitness Center (232-5625)

4/14	Kayak Roll Clinic from 8-10 p.m.
4/15 – 4/17	Wilderness First Aid Course (Fri.: 6-10 p.m., Sat. & Sun.: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
4/16	Challenge Course Open House from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
4/20	Full Moon Series - Paddling Lake Menomin from 9-11 p.m.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS - 41 Sports & Fitness Center (232-1392)

4/15	Badminton Tournament
4/29	3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

You can now buy fitness center memberships, climbing wall memberships and register for events online. Go to the Urec website to see how- <http://urec.uwstout.edu>.

Walker Withers While Waging War on Wisconsin

Josh Fritz

Stout Student Association
Organizational Affairs Director

I am counting down the days until I am done with my education here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout and could not be happier. With the release of Gov. Scott Walker's budget repair bill and the biennial budget, education in Wisconsin is in for major changes. There is uncertainty of what both will bring; the ability to sell state-owned power plants to privately held companies without following current bidding processes, the abolishment of union rights, cutting of massive amounts of funding from education and breaking up the UW-System were initially in one of the two bills. These points may seem innocuous, but when you take a deeper look, most have an underlying significance, and many people have called into question Walker's motives.

Selling power plants may seem like a good idea at first, but the practice may turn out to hurt more than help. By selling power plants we will be giving up a big burden in upkeep, maintenance and improvement, but we will also be giving up the regulation authority of those plants. Amounts charged for power then could fluctuate more easily, and more than likely, prices would be much higher. One state that deregulated its power was California in 2000, which also spawned an energy crisis and led to scandals like PG&E and Enron.

Another

aspect of no-bid selling of power plants was the "no bid" clause. There is currently a stringent process for the sale of state funded equipment. On campus we have an entire office devoted to it. Even when the Memorial Student Center was being closed for renovation, any items sold had to be done so through a very tedious and time-consuming process. If this process needed to be followed for selling items like cabinetry, then this process should be used for power plants. They are among the most expensive assets the state owns. I find it interesting that one of Gov.

Scott Walker's biggest campaign contributors, who a week after Walker was elected opened a lobbyist office in Madison, was Koch Industries.

They are a major player in the power industry. Gov. Walker's motives should be called into question.

If giving payment of any kind to campaign contributors isn't questionable enough, the way Walker went about the initial push to break up unions was another significant point of contention.

I am not going to debate unions nor their place and purpose; however, the means Walker was using are outright shocking. We all know how the debate played out on a national stage with the 14 Wisconsin Democrats losing because of Walker's lies. Initially, Walker said he would not budge on the budget repair bill and spouted that collective bargaining rights were a "budget matter." This meant that without the 14 Democrats, quorum could not be established and the bill could not be passed.

After a few weeks, when Walker was about to step off of the authoritarian platform and actually start talking compromise with the Democrats and union leaders, the collective bargaining piece was taken out of the bill and moved forward separately, no longer as a "budget matter." There were many other controversies in this, from the threat of arresting senators, withholding pay from senators and even uproar over protestors at the capitol. The whole ordeal was a mess, but one of the worst parts was that the Governor initially lied about the status of a provision of a bill.

The last two points are very closely related and will hit home most for students. First, the breakup of the UW-System and second, the massive cuts to higher education. Currently, the biennial budget calls for Madison to be removed from the UW-System. This would have massive effects on the system itself and even mean the writing of state statutes. Milwaukee is also being given money in order to make plans for a similar exit. Collectively we are stronger, and with Madison and Milwaukee no longer University of Wisconsin schools, we would be taking a blow.

The second, more immediate impacts will be from the cuts to higher education. Half of a \$250 million cut will be absorbed by Madison as it departs the system. However that leaves \$125 million to be divided among the other campuses. This may not seem like a big cut, but when resources are already spread thin, more and more demand will be placed on the backs of students to pay for services we currently take for granted. This year the state is said to give nine percent support to public universities—this figure is on a steady decrease and has been for years. Increases in segregated fees and tuition are not planned, but to continue the level of services provided it would more than likely happen. As a proud, soon-to-be graduate of UW-Stout, I fear for the breakup of the system and am glad I will not feel the repercussions of either bill as a student.

In the end, there was some good that came out of portions of the bills. However, the tactics, motives and future expenses need to be called into question before they are seriously considered.



Repealing health care law would hit young Americans hardest

Kathleen Sebelius

*United States Secretary of
Health and Human Services*

Repealing the new health care law would be costly for Young Americans

To win the future, America will need to invest in future generations and make the kind of commitments and reforms that allow our nation to out-innovate, out-educate, and out-build the rest of the world. Effectively implementing the Affordable Care Act is a vital part of this effort.

But some in Congress want to refight the political battles of the past two years and repeal the law along with all the new consumer protections and benefits that go with it. That would be a major setback for young Americans.

We know that one of the most vulnerable groups of Americans in our old health insurance system was young adults. Too many college graduates weren't just worrying about finding a job. They also wondered how they were going to get health insurance. I saw this firsthand with my two sons. When they graduated college, they were both fortunate to get jobs. But neither of their employers offered insurance.

They were healthy and had the resources to buy coverage. But not all Americans are that lucky. Young adults have less access to employ-

er-based health insurance than any other group. And they often can't afford to buy it on their own – especially if they've just graduated high school or college with limited savings and in some cases, thousands of dollars in debt. Others are denied coverage because they have a preexisting condition like diabetes or asthma.

As a result, Americans in their twenties are almost twice as likely to go without health insurance as older adults.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, that's changing. The law gives young people peace of mind by allowing children to stay on their parents' plans up to age 26 if they don't have access to coverage of their own.

And starting in 2014, young Americans will have access to quality, affordable health insurance through new, competitive health insurance marketplaces that will be forbidden from discriminating against you based on your pre-existing condition.

So if you're self-employed or work for a small business or non-profit that doesn't provide health coverage, the health care law will give you the freedom to find the best path forward without worrying about health coverage.

The law is also making health care more affordable. For those purchasing insurance in one of the new marketplaces, it's estimated that

the new law could save you hundreds or even thousands of dollars. For example, the average individual making \$27,000 will save more than \$1,600 on their premium beginning in 2014. A family of four making \$55,000 would save an average of \$6,000.

Young people across the country are also benefiting from the law's Patient's Bill of Rights, which outlaws many of the worst abuses of the insurance industry. A year ago, insurers could cancel your coverage when you got sick just because you made a mistake on your application. Now, this practice has been banned, along with other harmful policies like lifetime dollar limits on benefits, which often meant your benefits disappeared when you needed them most.

And young people are getting better access to care thanks to the law's workforce investment, which is helping train and support 16,000 new primary care providers by 2015 and nearly doubling the number of patients served by community health centers by addressing pressing construction and renovation needs. This investment will help countless young people get the preventive care that can keep them healthy and out of the hospital. And in the process, hundreds of thousands of new jobs across the health care field are being created.

Perhaps most importantly, the health care

law is slowing the growth of health care costs over time so that our system will be strong and sustainable for decades to come. By testing and implementing new ideas to coordinate care, improve patient safety, and reduce waste, fraud and abuse, the law will continue to create additional savings for consumers and our economy. Analysts predict that by 2019, these efforts could save an additional \$2,000 for a family policy for employer-based coverage.

But repeal would allow skyrocketing premiums to continue rising. In fact, the independent Congressional Budget Office's latest analysis shows that repeal would increase the deficit by \$230 billion over the next decade and by more than a trillion dollars in the second decade, handing a huge economic burden to the next generation and threatening our long-term prosperity.

The new law gives Americans, and especially young Americans, more freedom in their health care choices. Taking these benefits and protections away now and abandoning the rest of the law's long-awaited reforms would have huge costs for the young people we are counting on to help our nation compete and win the future.

BEING AWESOME



COMIC CREATORS

The Comic Creators, a new student organization on campus as of March is an emerging club whose members concentrate on everything related to comic books. They simply don't just read them, they develop their own comics within the club. The club also hopes to address individual drawing techniques and story content in order to hopefully produce increasingly more significant comics and/or graphic novels. If the opportunity arises, it will consider expanding into the field of motion comics, as well.

Now, down to business. The club meets on Thursdays from 5:45-7:30 P.M., though the meeting time may be subject to change depending on the events the group has scheduled. These could include field trips to any number of locations.

Feel free to look up the Comic Creators on Facebook, Just search: Comic Creators (UW-Stout). The Club's page features any new member artwork produced/featured during the meetings. Currently, the club has its first-ever comic templates from the first meeting uploaded at the moment.

FORCE FIELD!



On Monday, April 4, 2011, the UW-Stout Black Student Union and Social Science Society sponsored a march down Main Street to commemorate the life of Martin Luther King Jr. After the march, many members of the community shared some words about King's work with unions and civil Rights. Max Garland, a former rural letter carrier and current Professor of English at University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire spoke from "The Book of Walker," a parody of the Beatitudes written by him.

Walker 3:16-28

16 Blessed are they who make it more costly for the sick to be healed, the sightless to see and the lame to walk upright.

17 Blessed are the 10 Wisconsin billionaires, for their portion of tax shall not be increased, and they shall sitteth at the head of the table, and drink deep from the fountains of plenty.

18 Blessed are the out-of-state billionaires, for their calls shall be answered.

19 Blessed are they who hunger and thirst to deny the rights of the worker, for they shall be called Americans for Prosperity.

20 Blessed are ye who seeketh to plant troublemakers among the multitudes of the peaceful, for ye shall be called Governor.

21 Blessed are ye who accept lavish vacations in California from the one ye believeth to be the richest of the rich, for ye likewise shall be known as Governor.

22 Blessed are the backroom dealmakers, faith-breakers, takers from the poor and middle-class to more than replenish the coffers of the rich.

23 Blessed are they who do vilify and demean the people of learning, for they shall be known as the legislative majority.

24 Blessed are ye who seeketh not the names of corporate donors.

25 Blessed are they who do bar the doors of the common meeting place of the people, for theirs is the Kingdom of Koch.

26 Blessed are the de-funders of art, for they shall diminish the beautiful and true.

27 Blessed is he who turneth his ear from the pleas of the prison guard, the school nurse, the minister, the priest, the rabbi, the keeper of the peace, the fighter of the fire, the driver of the plow, for he hath already received his earthly reward, even one-hundredfold and more.

28 Blessed are the mighty, for they shall inherit Wisconsin.



Marc Anderson/Cartoonist



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1	1	2006 5th Street E Apt A	\$295	\$295	Sleeping room, includes utilities, washer/dryer, parking	SR
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #2	\$345	\$345	Studio apartment, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	\$395	\$395	Studio apt, new carpet, includes WSG & heat, great location	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	\$395	\$395	Nice efficiency, includes utilities, parking, close to campus	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	\$395	\$395	Efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	\$425	\$425	Studio, includes WSG, heat & parking, great location	A
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #3	\$435	\$435	Nice apt, private entrance & parking, WSG, HW & heat incl.	6
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	\$435	\$435	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	\$545	\$545	Fantastic apartment, includes utilities & off street parking	8
2	1	113 West Main Street	\$360	\$180	Close to campus/downtown, some upgrades, nice-sized rooms	3
3	1	2215 1/2 5th Street E	\$395	\$198	Lower duplex, good-sized rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	220 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$595	\$198	Upper duplex, incl. W/D, off-street parking, great location	D
3	1	220 12th Avenue West	\$595	\$198	Large lower duplex, washer/dryer, parking, great location	D
4	1	1215 10 th Street E	\$750	\$188	3-season porch, built-ins, W/D, storage, garage, large yard	H
4	1	2235 South Broadway	\$940	\$235	Great house, good-sized rooms, W/D, basement, parking	H
5	2	504 10th Street E	\$800	\$160	Huge house, big rooms, W/D, basement storage, parking	H
5	2	1521 8th Street	\$800	\$160	Nice-sized rooms, new paint, W/D, big yard, good location	H
5	2	2006 5th Street Apt A	\$800	\$160	Large house, good-sized rooms, W/D, off-street parking	3
5	2.5	1502 7th Street E	\$900	\$180	Recently remodeled, washer/dryer, porch, large yard	H
5	2	321 20th Avenue Apt B	\$1,000	\$200	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
6	2	504 10th Street E	\$800	\$133	Huge house, big rooms, W/D, basement storage, parking	H
6	2	115 17th Avenue West	\$1,000	\$167	Nice house, great location, W/D, front porch & garage	D
6	2	321 20th Avenue Apt A	\$1,100	\$183	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D, parking, storage	4
7	3	1102 10th Street E	\$1,200	\$171	Nice, big house, good-sized rooms, W/D, 2-car garage	H
8	3	1421 South Broadway	\$1,700	\$213	Great house! Big rooms, W/D, across from stadium, garage	H

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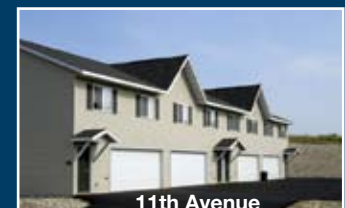
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Featured Artist



Jonathan Sollie

Age: 22

Major: Art

Emphasis: Graphic Design

Year in School: Senior

Expected grad date: May 2011

Hometown: Lakeville, Minnesota

Career goals: Start a design firm

Design style: Organized simplicity

Roseanne Meier
Staff Writer

Say hello to Jonathan Sollie. Sollie is finishing up his course work at the University of Wisconsin-Stout this May to earn a B.F.A with a concentration in Graphic Design. Alongside his coursework, Sollie works at Housing Design and is the co-founder of "Pepper Magazine." After Sollie completes the course Senior Project – Graphic Design, he will be ready to step out into the real world.

At a young age, Sollie got his start as an artist by drawing.

"I used to always draw dinosaurs on the sidewalk in chalk with my friends," said Sollie. "I used to love watching Disney movies. Whenever I watch stuff, I draw."

Today, drawing usually accompanies him

when watching television.

"All my roommates and family give me a hard time and ask, 'Can you ever just sit there?'" said Sollie. "I feel like I always have to be productive."

Sollie sketches the work in pencil and then inks the drawing and scans it into Adobe Illustrator.

"I make sure that I have it fully illustrated before I put it on the computer," said Sollie.

Designing is much more than a paycheck to Sollie.

"It's not like a job," said Sollie. "It's more like a career and a lifestyle."

Another experience that changed him was his work in the Packaging Design course with professor Nagesh Shinde.

"If [Nagesh] doesn't like your stuff, he'll ask, 'What is this?'" said Sollie. "It's really hard to please him, but that's a good thing. Ask people for criticism, but make your own decision on what to keep."

Sollie is currently enrolled in Senior Project – Graphic Design, commonly known as Senior Show, a required class for all B.F.A. students during their final semester in the program. The theme of the class constantly changes. This semester's theme is DFIX: Design, Fabrication and Innovation for Xtreme Affordability.

Sollie describes the theme as "making something that the common folk can afford. It is about smart design. [Students in senior show] essentially start a new business and design everything," said Sollie.

What is Sollie's business venture for Senior Show?

"I'm doing a company that's called Nourish," said Sollie. "The concept is aimed to help people who don't know much about healthy eating and help them fix that. It's a website, phone application and card that tracks your purchases. It suggests to people what they could do to make themselves healthier and meal recipes."

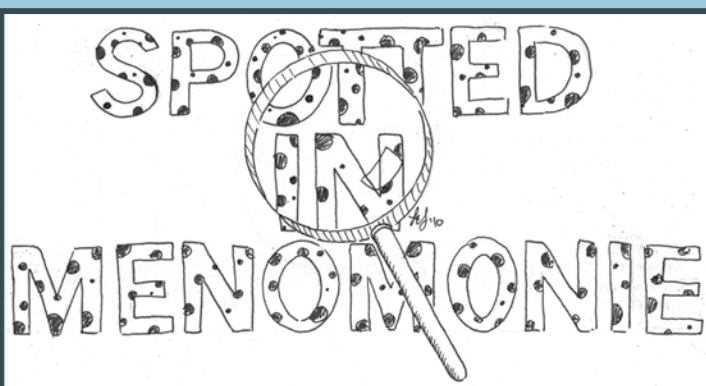
How does the technology of Nourish work?

"It's based off of RFID tags," said Sollie. "It basically tracks what's bought and sold when you go through the [checkout] line and puts it on your card to track your purchases. You can see your nutrition facts on the bottom of the receipt, mobile device or website. The whole idea is to make it easy and affordable."

What was Sollie's inspiration for the design?

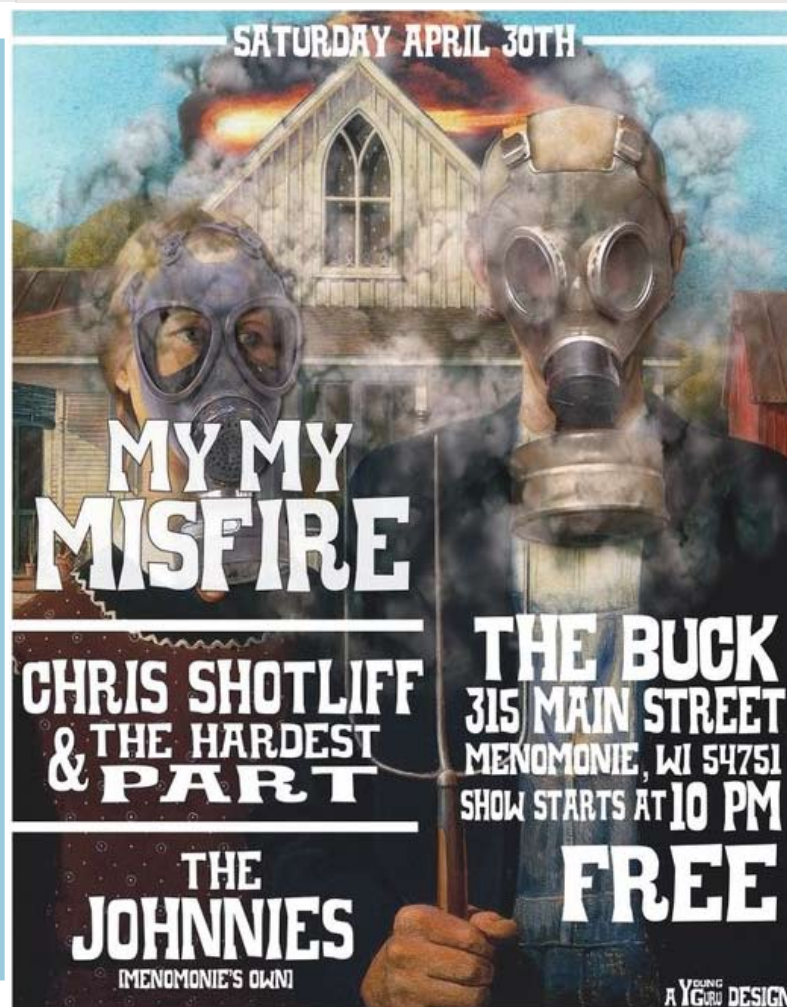
"I wanted to stay away from your average 'Hey, it's green.' I wanted a product to help out the common people rather than a 'cool' technology," said Sollie.

Sollie is still in the process of creating the Nourish brand, but you can view his finished work at the Senior Show exhibit on Friday, May 13. You can also visit www.solliedesign.com to see his portfolio.



Andrew Vogl/Stoutonia

The snow is finally gone and spring is in the air. For some students, this means muddy, barefoot adventures through Menomonie's picturesque parks. Now is the time to take advantage of the area's natural beauty because before you know it, cold temperatures will once again force us back indoors.



Inside scoop on UW-Stout's Blue Devil Production

Roseanne Meier
Staff Writer

On March 31–April 3, Blue Devil Productions (BDP) attended the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) Northern Plains Regional Conference in St. Paul, Minn. to learn how to improve programming and seek out performers to provide entertainment for the University of Wisconsin- Stout campus.

BDP is composed of 10 director positions that work closely together to bring quality performers and films to the UW-Stout campus. BDP is always open to co-op opportunities with

other organizations on campus and maintains a close relationship with Event Services, who provide sound and lighting at events.

Funding from the Stout Student Association (SSA) and the Resident Hall Association (RHA) make it possible for BDP to attend the NACA Conference each year. The conference spans three days that consist of artist showcases and educational sessions.

"We go to educational sessions to learn about different things," said Executive Producer Nate Daniels. "Everything from budget, planning an event, agent relations plus many other different opportunities. We come back as a group and talk about what we have learned and apply it back at Stout."

Spotlight showcases at NACA allow BDP to preview performers before contracting them.

"They weigh how much they personally like the act much lower than how affordable the act is, or how much Stout will like the act," said BDP's advisor, Emily Ascher. "It is really important to be objective so that the acts BDP books at NACA are appealing to as many students as possible."

Upcoming performers you can expect to see on campus next fall include comedians Tig Notaro, Jim Tavare, Derek Hughes, Chad Daniels and musician Jenn Grinels. George Watsky, a slam poet, is contracted for Spring 2012.

Comedians are the most popular acts to book

because of block booking.

"This year the group that attended NACA found a really talented group of performers who they were able to block book with other schools for even more responsible spending of student funds," said Ascher. "BDP saved approximately \$3,600 by block booking."

During the last conference meal at NACA, BDP was recognized for its work in 2010 by receiving two first place awards in Web Page Design and Publicity Campaign.

So far, BDP has organized 17 events this spring with a total of approximately 2,400 attendees. BDP will sponsor seven more events on campus before the end of the school year that include comedians, musicians and even an outdoor movie.

BDP has an open door policy – that means anyone is welcome at meetings. Meeting time and place for the remainder of the semester is 6 p.m. Monday nights in the Communication Technology building in room 106. For more information about BDP and BDP events, "like" them on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/bluedevilproductions>.

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This is Luke
Friday, April 29
@ 7 p.m.
Blind Munchies
Coffeehouse
FREE

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Saturday, April 30
@ 10:30 p.m.
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Lenn Soderlund/Stoutonia

The remaining BDP events for the 2010-11 academic school year include:

April 14

8 p.m., Sunken Lounge:
Open Mic

April 15

6 and 9 p.m., in APPA 210:
The Dilemma

April 19

9 p.m., Micheels 184:
Arvin Mitchell

April 28

at Stout Nic: Kevin Markin with
Groove Committee

April 29

9 p.m., outdoor movie on Price
Commons Lawn or Applied Arts
210: No Strings Attached

May 5

8 p.m.
Sunken Lounge: From Whence
you Came/ All the right moves

May 10

Location tba:
Farewell Continental



Dissidia 012 [duodecim] Final Fantasy Review

Rating: ★★★★★☆

Hassan Javaid
Staff Writer

When one hears the name Square-Enix, one immediately thinks “Final Fantasy.” The publishing and game developing company giant is famous for its work in the fantasy role-playing game (RPG) realm, providing a franchise that has spawned games on virtually every game system and has even influenced movies and an animated TV series. “Final Fantasy” is perhaps the company’s biggest asset and franchise, and what better way to take advantage of it than making a giant crossover game that amalgamates all their characters, locales and storylines into one big, epic game: “Dissidia 012 [duodecim] Final Fantasy.” It was released on the PlayStation Portable about a year ago and garnered much success among the gaming crowd. “Dissidia 012” allows

players to pit their favorite characters from the “Final Fantasy” games against one another in an RPG meets fighting game mash up that was surprisingly deep and satisfying.

It was only natural that a sequel would follow, and follow it did, in the form of “Dissidia 012 [duodecim] Final Fantasy” for PlayStation Portable. The new game brings with it a slew of changes, more characters, a bigger story and ingenious gameplay improvements that make this game a must-have for series fans.

Perhaps the biggest addition to “Dissidia” is the new characters. Fan favorites like Tifa (“Final Fantasy 7”), Yuna (“Final Fantasy X”) and Kain (“Final Fantasy IV”) make their debuts in the game, while lesser known characters like Peshe (“Final Fantasy XI”) and Laguna (“Final Fantasy VIII”) also make their appearances as playable characters. These characters not only add to the already huge cast of popular characters

but also change up the gameplay and balance of the game significantly.

What makes “Dissidia 012” so fresh is the new characters and how unique and different they are from the rest. Mastering these characters and their play styles and pitting them against other popular characters is the heart of the game’s fun-filled experience. Of course, being a “Final Fantasy” game, “Dissidia 012” also has a story mode with some good old-fashioned RPG elements for good measure.

The other new additions are mostly game play tweaks and changes. The most talked about is definitely the assists feature, which allows supporting characters to drop in and provide supporting fire,

much like the Assists system in “Marvel versus Capcom 3.” This addition adds another layer of depth to the already deep fighting system, allowing players to counter attack and interrupt as they please.

Another major addition is an RPG Mode. Players interested in a more RPG-like experience can actually issue commands and let the character do most of the leg work, allowing less experienced gamers to get in on the action.

There are other small tweaks, like the addition of a Party Battle Mode, characters being balanced and hit point (HP) caps being removed, but the major godsend is the ability to actually play as the Warriors of Chaos (the villains) in the story mode. A big flaw and issue with the first game was its lack of giving players a choice of which side to play on, and “Dissidia 012” rectifies this issue quite beautifully.

Instead of the old, tiled boards from the previous game, “Dissidia 012” actually features a world map. Players can now form parties of characters and move around the world map, much akin to the main “Final Fantasy” RPG games. When players do enter dungeons, however, the gameplay reverts back to the tiled board setup from the previous game. It’s a nice addition and really gives “Dissidia 012” a more a RPG-esque feel.

The single player story mode in “Dissidia 012” is actually a prequel to the first game, chronicling a battle before the final one in the first “Dissidia.” As with the first game, the story is okay, but not really the sort of stellar writing that you expect from the company that brought you masterpieces like “Final Fantasy VII, VIII and IX.” It is definitely a tragedy that a series that got its fame from its stellar story and presentation is actually serviced with a plot that seems like more of an online fan fiction. Granted, it is good fan fiction, but it definitely does not meet the bar that Square-Enix itself has set.

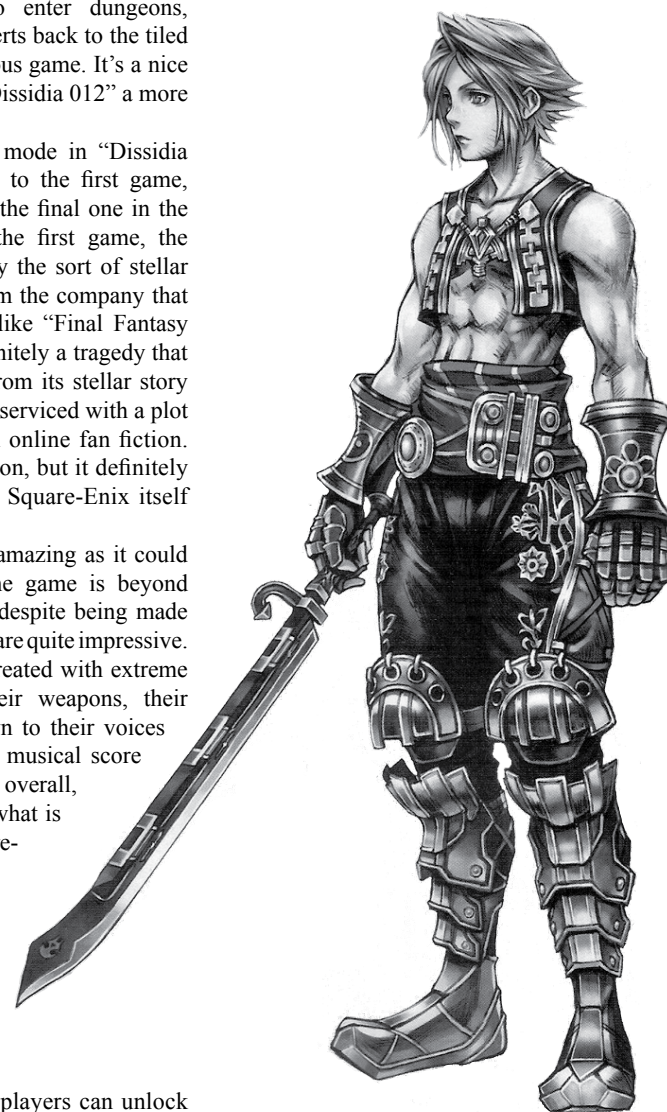
While the story isn’t as amazing as it could be, the presentation for the game is beyond exceptional. The graphics, despite being made on the PlayStation Portable, are quite impressive. The characters have been treated with extreme care. Everything from their weapons, their looks and all the way down to their voices feel just right. Add a great musical score and awesome sound work overall, and you have a recipe for what is undoubtedly one of Square-Enix’s best games to date.

As with the first “Dissidia,” “Dissidia 012” is packed with content and replay value. What is surprising is the fact that the game actually contains the entire campaign from the first game in it, which players can unlock

after finishing the main story mode. This essentially makes “Dissidia 012” two games in one, and really adds to the value of an already impressive package.

At the end of the day, the only major flaw to “Dissidia 012” is its greatest strength – it is really intended for hardcore “Final Fantasy” fans. People unfamiliar with the video game franchise should probably avoid this game entirely and not use it as a starting point to dive into this wonderful story. Given that there are a lot of “Final Fantasy” fans in the world though, that’s hardly a huge issue.

All in all, if you’re a “Final Fantasy” fan, own a PlayStation Portable and are still on the fence about this game, then don’t be. The value for money is immense, and the amount of content and entertainment that can be experienced from the game is unrivaled by any other game on the PSP. Newcomers to the “Final Fantasy” series should probably avoid “Dissidia 012,” even though it is a very fun and deep game.



Silhouettes Fashion Show presents: "Up Close"

A behind the scenes look

Dana Ostertag
Staff Writer

Ever wondered what those apparel design students are constantly working on? It seems like such a "fun" major. How could they possibly have that much work? What many fail to realize is the amount of time and dedication these students put into their work. Apparel design students Claire Kiger, Danielle Anderson and Ariel Gullickson can all attest to that.

As sophomores in the apparel design program here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, these three students have taken on leadership roles as fashion show coordinators. They are currently planning, organizing and preparing for the upcoming Silhouettes fashion shows that will take place on April 16 and 17 in the Jarvis Hall Science Wing.

"It is a ton of work, but one of the most exhilarating and rewarding feelings as well," said Gullickson.

"The show is created for and by the students in the apparel design and development major," said Anderson.

"The show wouldn't be possible without the guidance from apparel design professor Kathy Kujawa, who makes all executive decisions," said Gullickson.

Basically, the show is an opportunity for apparel design students to showcase their designs and best talents to UW-Stout students, the general public and apparel design

professors. It's a chance for students to create something that truly represents them and what they are all about.

The number of garments a designer can submit is dependent on the grade level she/he is in. Senior Studio designers will create a collection of four garments and have extended responsibilities to set up a display table that advertises and markets their collection. The general public can view the displays at the completion of the show.

Students can submit designs from a broad range of categories: menswear, womens, kids, resort wear, evening wear, swimwear, etc. This opens the doors to a diverse show of creativity because each designer has a unique design aesthetic.

The theme of this year's show is "Up Close." This theme coordinates well with a show that will literally take place in the main level hallway of the new Jarvis Hall Science Wing.

In previous years, the Silhouettes fashion shows have taken place in the Great Hall in the Memorial Student Center. But with the MSC under construction and the new addition of the Jarvis Hall Science Wing open, this year has set the stage for new changes to the show and creative opportunities. The hope is that this new location will create the mood of an intimate New York-style fashion show.

The audience will be positioned no more than 20 feet from the runway. This will be

something new and exciting for the audience. It will eliminate the need for people to awkwardly resituate themselves, as they once had to in order to see anything in the back rows of the Great Hall.

With the show rapidly approaching, most designers, as well as the fashion show coordinators, are on the final home stretch toward a week of relaxation that the "future life after the fashion show" will bring. As for now, these students are eagerly awaiting the show and excited to reveal to the public what they have spent all semester working on.

"We are looking forward to seeing all of our hard work play out," said Anderson.

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Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Andrew Vogl
Entertainment Editor

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the United States. University of Wisconsin-Stout students in the Abuse in the Family class, taught by Susan Wolfram, are organizing events throughout Menomonie to raise awareness about sexual assault and abuse.

"We are bringing our learning to doing," said Ashley Nelson, who is organizing "Take Back the Night: International Empowerment Event" on Thursday, April 28 at the Raw Deal from 7-9 p.m. The event will feature various speakers, an open mic for those who wish to share experiences and a candlelight vigil.

"The first Sexual Assault Awareness Month was in 2001, so it is fairly new," said Keyana Silverberg, coordinator of the "Window Pains" project. "In the past, sexual abuse has been sort of a taboo subject, but it is something that does need to be addressed so that we can prevent it and help those who have been assaulted."

The "Window Pains" project is a brand new concept. A number of sexual assault awareness posters and collages made by students will be displayed in a few downtown businesses during the last two weeks in April. Then at 2 p.m. on April 30, beginning at Acoustic Café, there will be an organized tour around Downtown to view the artwork.

"Raising awareness about sexual abuse, getting people comfortable talking about it and realizing that it is out there is really what our projects are for," said Silverberg.

"We also have resources and areas people can go to get help," said Nelson. "We want to let people know that other people have gone through it to and it is ok to talk about it and seek help. And it doesn't just happen to one specific group of people; it can happen to women, men, LGBTQ, children, elderly; anyone."

The most important point of the events is that we as students need to support one-another and know when to seek help or encourage friends and family to seek help if in an abusive relationship.

**For more information,
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Keyana Silverberg/Contribued Photo

The Window Pains Project, new this year, coordinated by Keyana Silverberg, of Cumberland. Original artwork will be displayed in the windows of downtown shops. At 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30, a ceremony at the Acoustic Café, 102 Main St., will kick off a downtown walk past the artwork, followed by a closing ceremony at the café. All proceeds benefit the Bridge to Hope.

Student Resource Project, coordinated by Shawna Reiter, of Chippewa Falls. Student educational materials on sexual assault and dating violence were created with the help of the Campus Violence Prevention Project.

Upcoming Events For Sexual Abuse Awareness Month

The Clothesline Project, coordinated by Nate Tysk of Inver Grove Heights, Minn., features a display of T-shirts with sexual assault statistics and messages. The shirts can be seen Monday, April 11, through Wednesday, April 13, Menomonie High School; Sunday, April 17, through Friday, April 22, Menomonie Public Library; Saturday, April 23, through Wednesday, April 27, Bowman Hall; 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 28, the Raw Deal, 544 S. Broadway St., during Take Back the Night event; and 2-5 p.m. Sunday, April 30, Acoustic Café, 102 W. Main St., during the Window Pains Project.

Teen Violence and Healthy Dating, coordinated by Kayla Whittenberger, of Ladysmith, Saturday, April 16, Eau Claire Juvenile Detention Center.

How Healthy are Your Relationships, coordinated by Lauren Davison, of River Falls, New Richmond High School, Thursday, April 21.

Take Back the Night: International Empowerment Event, coordinated by Ashley Nelson, of Chetek, in cooperation with the Campus Violence Prevention Project and the Bridge to Hope, a Menomonie-based shelter for victims of domestic and sexual abuse in Dunn and Pepin counties. Speakers, music and a candlelight vigil will be part of the event, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 28, at the Raw Deal.

The Jail Project: Be a Part of the Solution, coordinated by Sarah Fischer, of Woodbury, Minn.; Robert Jones, of Elroy; and Maxwell Perkins, of Fall Creek. Sexual assault awareness programs were held at three sites: Dunn and Eau Claire county jails and Eau Claire County Transitions Center.

Be SAAFE at Prom, coordinated by Lindsay Crawford, of Fridley, Minn. The April 1 event helped raise money for the Bridge to Hope through a formal wear sale and awareness through a program at Menomonie High School.

"Sidewalk surfing": The Longboarding Way to Travel

Morgan Pfaller
Staff Writer

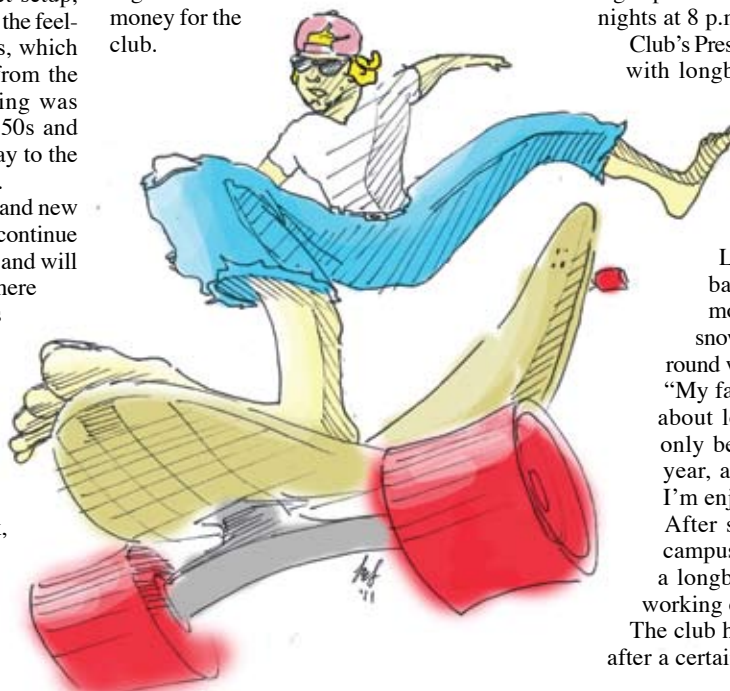
Many people think longboarding is a derivative of street skating, but like all boarding sports, its roots lie in surfing. With the correct setup, riding a longboard can give an individual the feeling of surfing on hard, smooth surfaces, which is perfect for someone who lives far from the ocean, say in Wisconsin. Longboarding was developed on the west coast in the 1950s and by spring 2011, it officially made its way to the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus.

The UW-Stout Longboard Club is brand new to the campus this year. The season will continue as long as the weather remains pleasant, and will recommence in the fall next year until there is snow on the ground. In fact, snow is the only thing that will keep longboarders from riding around all year long.

The club is open to any student at UW-Stout and all are encouraged to join. It does not matter if new members are experienced riders or have never touched a longboard; the atmosphere of the club is very laid back, and ready to expand its knowledge about longboarding to all.

The club is planning on hosting some on-campus learn-to-ride days, which will take place on South Campus.

Students interested in the sport should keep an eye out toward the end of this semester and in the fall for insider's tips on the art of longboarding. These on-campus events will be followed by a cookout for participants and selling food and T-shirts to raise money for the club.



Even though this is the UW-Stout Longboarding Club's first year, it is steadily growing. The goal of the club is to have 20 members by the end of the spring semester and 35 members by next year's homecoming. Students are encouraged to sign up at the weekly meeting held every Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. in Jarvis Hall room 110.

Club's President Jacob Holtz became involved with longboarding through snowboarding.

Last fall, Holtz purchased a longboard and fell in love with the sport. The two sports are very similar and, for those who love snowboarding, spring offers the opportunity to try out longboarding. Longboarding can keep an athlete's balance strong during the summer months, which is often a problem for snowboarders who do not live in a year-round winter landscape.

"My favorite part is learning new things about longboards," said Holtz. "I have only been longboarding for less than a year, and I have so much to learn, but I'm enjoying it."

After seeing many people ride around campus, Holtz came up with the idea of a longboarding club and quickly began working out the details.

The club has loaner longboards for use, but after a certain point, members are encouraged

to bring their own. Club members feel it is important to give people a taste of longboarding before they invest in a board, which can run \$150.

Surprisingly longboards and skateboards were once the same thing, but over time they branched off into their respected fields. Longboards are typically longer than the standard skateboard and are also equipped with larger, softer wheels for a smoother ride. Longboarding is more effective for commuting since the board is heavier, giving the rider more roll out of their push. Skateboards, on the other hand, are shorter since they are meant to perform aerial tricks. While tricks on longboards are possible, they are not often air-related.

There are a variety of riding styles: downhill, cruising and carving, slalom, dancing, freeriding and sliding. Balance is very crucial to be a successful rider. Commuter designs come in many different shapes, and a longboard can be as long or as short as the rider desires.

The UW-Stout Longboarding Club has more tips to share on becoming a successful rider for those who join the club. They encourage students to check out the new club on campus and eventually see more longboarders riding around campus next year. If you have an interest in learning how to longboard, check out their OrgSync.com website.

Student-athlete to host 5k run in Menomonie

Maggie Meixl
Contributing Writer

As graduation day nears, University of Wisconsin-Stout seniors are preparing for the future, revamping portfolios, interviewing for jobs and looking forward to promising careers in their respective vocations. Kim Labat's future plans are quite different; she is spending the last few weeks of college planning a 5k run, fundraising and praying.

Labat is partnering with the Stout Even Society to host The Race for the World 5k which will take place on April 30, 2011 at Menomonie High School. All proceeds of the 5k go directly toward a mission trip. The race will be timed and prizes will be given to participants.

The former Blue Devil volleyball player will be put to work in 11 countries over 11 months as part of The World Race, a unique mission trip that exists to serve "the least of these" and challenges young adults to abandon worldly possessions and a traditional lifestyle. Labat will leave on July 1, 2011 after an intense training camp where she will become acquainted with her team of seven in a squad of 65.

"I feel called to this mission; I want to serve people of the world," Labat said.

Labat will work with women and children who have escaped the grip of sex traffickers, a small portion of Thailand's nearly two million

people estimated to be forced into prostitution. In Swaziland, a country with the world's highest HIV/AIDS infection rate, she will assist in education, care for orphans and participate in care point feedings. Labat will serve the poor in Ecuador where more than half of the population is at or below the poverty line. Teaching English and laboring beside farmers are examples of work Labat will do in the remaining countries on the mission including Peru, Bolivia, Eastern Europe, South Africa, Mozambique, Cambodia and Vietnam.

"My theme verse for The World Race is Isaiah 61 and I really want to live it out," Labat said.

As 2011 fades into 2012, Labat's fellow graduates will be fixing up their first place or adjusting to life under a parent's roof once again. Labat will call a tent home, a sleeping bag her bed and a backpack her closet and will carry them all on her back as she treks around the globe to serve its people.

"We'll be living very simply. It's scary but exciting, and I am so looking forward to working beside people of different cultures," Labat said.

Visit Kim's blog: kimlabat.theworldrace.org, to view the 5k route, find more race information, learn more about The World Race and follow Labat's journey around the world next year. To register for the Race For The World 5k, e-mail your name, age and t-shirt size to kl.worldrace@hotmail.com.

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UW-Stout Travels to Falcon Invitational

Jodi Larson
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout track and field team traveled to the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Falcon Invitational this past weekend on April 9. Weather conditions cancelled many previous meets, depriving many teams of the chance to compete. Therefore, the River Falls meet was packed to capacity as Division I, II and III teams competed together.

"The River Falls meet was a big meet that a bunch of teams outside our conference competed in," said Mitch Easker, a sophomore and distance runner. "It was nice to see other competition outside our conference. It helped us to see that we are a tough team and we can compete with anyone if we set our goals high."

The weather that day was cloudy and overcast with variable winds and scattered showers. Many of the athletes had to adjust to the weather and try to perform their best, despite unfavorable conditions. Since so many athletes participated in the Falcon Invite, the meet took approximately 15 hours to complete with some athletes competing in events that took place six to eight hours apart.

The team was able to find its focus despite the poor weather. There were many high marks made that day, though it was considerably more difficult for the athletes to compete when events were so spaced apart. Some of the top performers of the meet were Sam Flood, who placed

first in the long jump with a distance of 23-feet, 5.25-inches. Flood was three inches short of the UW-Stout school record. Daniel Drewek took first in the Pole Vault, easily winning with a NCAA Division III automatic qualifying mark of 16-feet, 7.50-inches, outpacing the field by more than a foot. Ryan Ament reached a provisional mark in the discus with a throw of 163-feet, 1-inch. Lastly, Anne Guthrie and Jessika Smith finished first and second, respectively, in the heptathlon.

"I feel we are off to a good start," said Kyle Steiner, jumps coach for the UW-Stout team, "but it's really hard to say anything at this point, because in track and field the focus is all on two weekends during the season— conference and nationals. An

athlete can really be having an awful season, but put things together for the two meets and consider the season a successful one. Having said that, I feel like we have had a lot of good things happen both during the indoor season and the early outdoor meets, and we are setting ourselves up for a successful outdoor season."

The team chemistry this year is very close and has impacted many of the athletes in a positive manner.

"I love being a part of the team," said Jessika Smith, sophomore in graphic communications management, "Track has impacted my life since my freshman year of high school and before that, when my oldest sister ran hurdles and jumped. It's something that I'm very familiar with and feel very

comfortable being a part of. The social aspect and connections I've made through track are something that I will always be able to take with me." Smith has already had a very successful year qualifying for indoor nationals in the long jump and is well on her way to another national meet.

"I had my best time in the 400-meter dash, and our 4x400 meter relay did very good for being a last second decision," said Austin Witt, a freshman in manufacturing engineering. "Our team is constantly improving as a whole and personal records are being beat every meet. We just need to keep training hard as a team and encouraging one another. I love being on this track team because it has brought me to an athletic level that I wasn't sure if I could even reach and has made me a better person."

"The focus is to stick to the training program and stay focused on improving at our individual events in practice and the meets," said Steiner. "If we can do that, we will continue to improve during the outdoor season and when we back off on the training, hopefully we can see some big personal bests at the conference/national meets. I want my athletes to continue to get better at their events and enjoy doing it. When that happens, the places and results tend to take care of themselves."

For the second outdoor season meet, the UW-Stout track team is making marks in the National Collegiate Athletic Association and hopes to continue sending athletes to the national outdoor meet. The next track meet is scheduled for April 15 in La Crosse, Wis.



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From left to right, David Smith, Max King, Austin Witt, and Wes Evers huddle for a photo.



UW-Stout sprinters speed past UW-Eau Claire.

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Baseball team looking forward to 2011 season

Morgan Pfaller

Staff Writer

Baseball season has started at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. A month into the season the team is focusing on playing one game at a time. It is also working on teamwork skills while the season is still in its early stages. The team realizes its strength lies within its batting order, and it needs to tune up its defensive play in the field. They have plenty of time, however, to work on achieving a great record for the Blue Devils.

On Saturday, April 9, the team faced the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in a doubleheader, winning the first game against the Pioneers.

"The Pioneers are going to be a strong opponent; it has great batters, the pitchers will throw strikes and the team can get it done in the field," said Zach Kiminski, a freshman from Brooklyn Park, Minn. The Pioneers were a tough match for the Blue Devils, and Saturday's doubleheader went 8-2 Blue Devils and then 10-6 for the Pioneers.

Pitcher Corey Hedeon did not allow a run until the ninth inning of the first game, as he finished a complete game, seven-hitter while striking out six Platteville, 3-13, 2-5 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

"It is important to win at home because if we can't win in our own environment, then its tough to win on the road. The advantage is ours at home," said Grant Brugger, a sophomore from Slinger, Wis.

Carter Voght, a sophomore from Buffalo, Minn., pitched three innings without allowing an earned run while striking out three batters during Saturday's game.

"I mentally prepare for each game during practice," said Voght. "I don't throw as hard as some other pitchers in our conference, so the control of my pitches is what I have to be on top of if I want to be successful and compete within the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference."

The Blue Devils faced the UW-Platteville Pioneers for another double-header on Sunday, April 10 and won the first game, 10-8. Jon Schoch, a junior from Chippewa Falls, Wis., scored early in the second with a triple to right field, driving in fellow junior AJ Yusten, who had walked.

The team has been working together to train and condition for the 2011 baseball season with lifting a minimum of three times a week and running almost every day at practice. During spring break, the team traveled to Arizona to play with other teams across the nation and give pitchers the opportunity to warm up their arms before conference play.

"Every team in our conference can win, and we've got to take advantage of a victory when we have the opportunity," said Voght.

"Getting along as teammates is a huge factor in working together," said Ryan Sajdera, a freshman from Radisson, Wis. "The team needs to have respect for each other and play with a passion."

The players set personal goals they hope to

reach by the end of this season and this contributes overall to a great record by the team as a whole. "I'm really excited to see what we can do," said Voght. "Last season was pretty disappointing, and I'm sure most of the guys would agree that our team is much improved. We have the ability to really do some good things and surprise

some people."

The team will play again when they host Viterbo University on Wednesday, April 13 at Nelson Field. The following weekend, April 16-17 will find the team playing against the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in a doubleheader.



Matt Guida takes a swing with his opponents watching.

Layne Pitt / Contributed photo.

Men's Golf plays at Wesleyan University Invitational

Andrew Liddell

Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men's golf team has been breathing a sigh of relief because of the recent weather. The surprise snowstorm last month stalled one of its tournaments, but now the team is ready to play.

With only one practice day under its belt, the Blue Devils had to shake loose a few cobwebs at the Wesleyan University Invitational in Bloomington, Ill. They finished 8 out of 22, which was strong considering it was their first tournament of the spring.

"We had one day outside before the tournament," head coach Terry Watkins said. "But we have to get out there and prove ourselves worthy of playing in the nationals."

Since the team does not play conference competitions, they instead play against other teams within the region, spanning several states including Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Illinois, Iowa, and Indiana.

The players have certainly proven their collective worth so far; with its eight place victory at Wesleyan and finishing 2 out of 12 at the Duhawk Invitational in Dubuque, Iowa on April 3 and 4. The two extra days outside at the Wesleyan seem to have helped the warm up for the Duhawk Invitational.

Since they must be able to practice outside to grow, Watkins says the team has been able to work out the kinks in individual games, and says that each of his players contributes something

different. There is a competitive spirit among the teammates.

"We have senior players which are more consistent, and then there are other students who are fighting for those top spots," Watkins said.

Watkins says that the competitive environment between his players actually encourage them to do better. The team is comparable to a muscle, by saying that by working the entire muscle, you encourage it to become stronger by breaking it down and letting it heal.

"It's exactly like that," Watkins said. "You work your team hard, and they compete hard against one another and it makes sure that everyone is trying there hardest."

In the fall of 2010, the Blue Devils ended up going out to Greensboro, North Carolina, and ended up beating the home team on their own greens. Since then, the team this season has been working tirelessly to keep up their ranking.

"We're ranked within the top 20 teams in the nation," Watkins said.

The Blue Devils are keeping a cool head, though. Some of the local competitors such as the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and St. Olaf are really going to test the team, and are some of their biggest rivals.

"We play our home tournament on Thursday April 14, and we have individual winners, team winners, and state winners," Watkins said.

I was a bit confused when I heard that there was a 'state winner'. Watkins explained that there are two competing teams from both Wisconsin

and Minnesota. I laughed and asked if it was something fun that the teams did to see who was better in the region. Watkins assured me with a straight face that it was not something that was done just for fun. "We keep track and see what

we need to work on in order to improve."

The next tournament is going to be held here in Menomonie, on April 14, and the Blue Devils will be playing with home-green advantage.



Junior Ethan Schmitz eyes up the putt.

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Track & field

On Saturday, April 9, the University of Wisconsin-Stout competed at the Falcon Invitational in River Falls, Wis. Anne Guthrie, a senior from Fitchburg, Wis., and Jessika Smith, a sophomore from Onalaska, Wis., finished first and second, respectively, in the heptathlon. Guthrie led during the first day and never looked back, picking up 4088 points. Smith was third the first day, and improved one spot in the event, finishing with 4,080. Alexa Ahler won the 10,000-meter run. Katie Hicks was 10th in the 5,000-meter.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout will be at the Phil Esten Challenge on Friday, April 15 at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.



Men's Golf

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men's golf team traveled to Peosta, Iowa to attend the Duhawk Invitational, hosted by Loras College at Thunder Hills Golf Club. Despite the cold and windy weather, Andrew Smith, a senior from Grand Marais, Minn. finished second and tied with Drew Osier of Central College with a top two-day score of 147. Smith carded 72 on the first day of the event and 75 on the second day. Sam Carr, a freshman from Roseau, Minn., played his first collegiate golf tournament and finished fifth with a combined score of 149.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout will play at the UW-Stout Invitational on April 14, at 9 a.m.



Women's Softball

The University of Wisconsin-Stout took on the University of Wisconsin-River Falls in a pair of games at Ramer Field. The Falcons won the first game, 13-3, in five innings, and then captured the second 3-1. The Falcons scored nine runs in the fourth inning during the opener to put the game away. Hannah Sweet, a freshman from Elk River, Minn., singled a run in the first to give UW-Stout the lead. Both Alison Gray and Courtney Richardson delivered single hits.

UW-Stout will host Luther College, Saturday, April 16 at 2 p.m.

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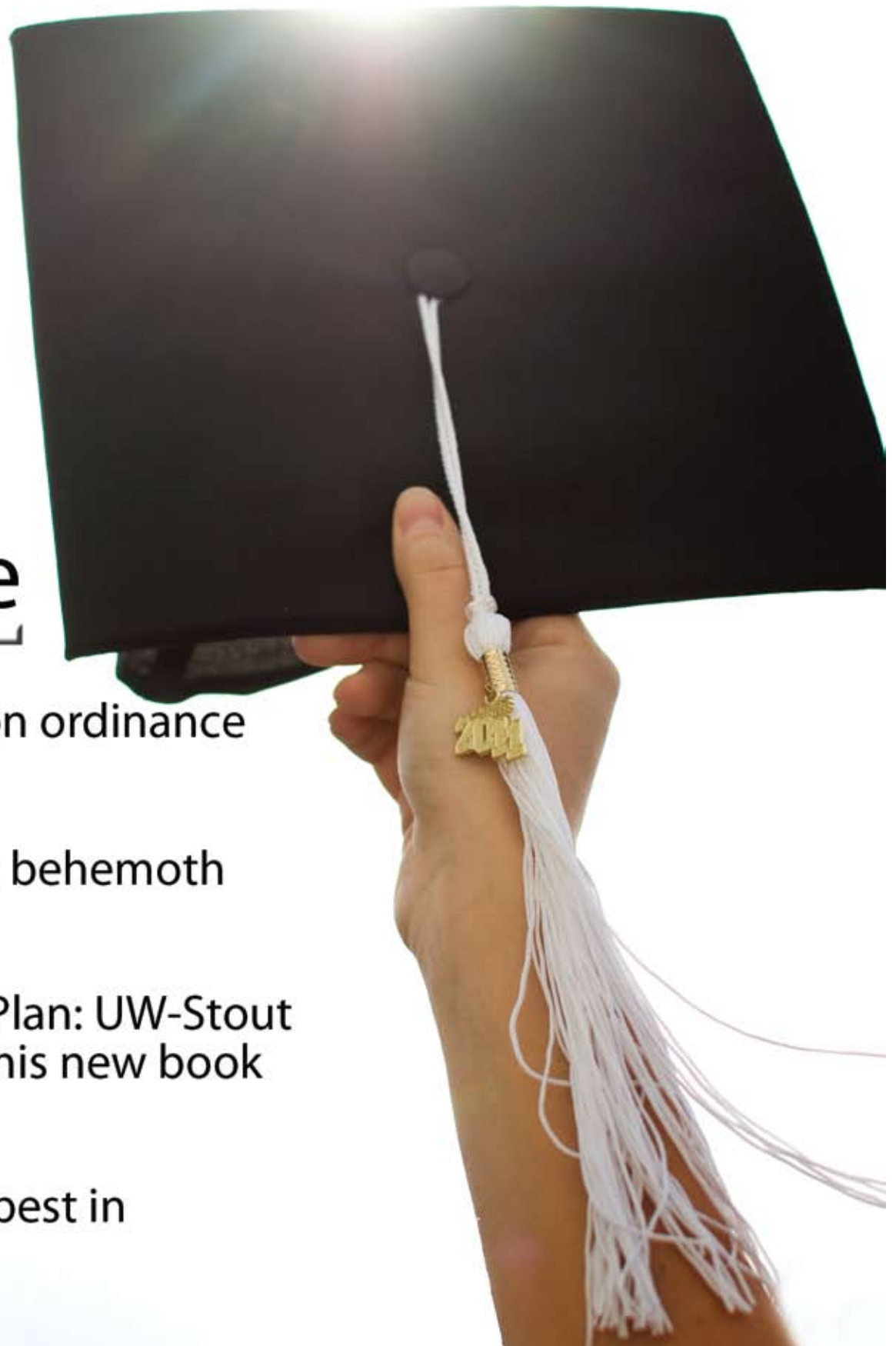
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Public Intoxication Ordinance

Jerad Maplethorpe
News Editor

Stevie McStumbles may have to find himself a new way home from the bars.

On Monday, April 18, the Menomonie City Council unanimously passed a public intoxication ordinance. The new ordinance is only one of many, recent measures taken in order to crack down on excessive alcohol consumption in Menomonie. In November of 2010, the city council tabled an ordinance that would limit the amount of alcohol bartenders could consume while on the job. The "Drunken Bartender Ordinance" was set aside until a more thorough study was conducted on the matter.

Although the "Drunken Bartender Ordinance" caused a rather large backlash in the community, many UW-Stout students seem to be fine with the public intoxication ordinance.

"I don't think it's too big of a deal," said Justin Vilhauer, a senior enrolled in the hotel, restaurant and tourism management program. "They interviewed some of the Menomonie

[police] officers, and the only thing they are doing with this is now they are going to ticket the incapacitated people instead of giving them free rides home. It won't affect people unless they are so drunk that they can't take care of themselves."

The University of Wisconsin-Stout applauds the Menomonie City Council for helping to eliminate high-risk alcohol consumption.

"We are grateful that the city council exercised leadership and good judgment in passing the public intoxication ordinance," said Executive Director of Communications and External Relations Doug Mell. "It gives authorities one more tool to use in combating high-risk alcohol use. We hope this is the start of a long-term cooperative relationship with the council to continue to address excessive alcohol use in Menomonie."

The first offense will result in a \$200 fine, plus court fees. Additional offenses (from up to one year after the first offense) will result in a \$400 fine per offense, plus court fees.

In general, the ordinance makes it illegal

for someone to be drunk in a public area while causing a nuisance. "Public areas," as defined by the public intoxication ordinance, are "places owned or controlled by the city, county or state, any public street, highway, sidewalk, parking lot, alley, park, school, place of worship and place of business." In addition, the ordinance states "Places of businesses include those open to the public where alcohol is consumed, such as licensed alcohol establishments."

"I feel like if people are stumbling home, they shouldn't be punished for not driving," said Lydia Haker, a senior in the human development and family studies program. "I also think this is too much of a gray area. It really depends on whether or not officers use their power of administering this new ordinance responsibly by citing people who truly are in danger of hurting themselves or other people."

Other students are concerned that the ordinance's wording is too ambiguous and might encourage police officers to abuse their powers. A "public nuisance," as defined by the ordinance, is defined as "conduct that disturbs the peace, in-

cluding but not limited to, a person endangering himself or herself, other people or property, acting in an unruly or combative manner, creating loud noises to the disturbance of others, refusing to follow the instructions of a police officer, refusing to follow the instructions to leave a business or otherwise disturbing the peace in any public place."

"If I was being 'drunk' and annoying, but not to the point where I felt I deserved a fine, I would certainly appeal the ticket in court," said Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers President Maxwell Steuer. "In that event, if the officer decided to take statements from patrons that witnessed my disorderly act, then I should already know I deserve it."

Although the new public intoxication ordinance may seem like overkill, Steuer understands that the best way to avoid a citation is to simply drink responsibly.

"It seems pretty obvious that if you use common sense, you shouldn't have anything to worry about," said Steuer. "It's not going to affect those who aren't creating uncomfortable or threatening situations."

Project Saucy

Roseanne Meier
Staff Writer

A group of students from the University of Wisconsin-Stout have won the Student AmeriStar Package Design Competition for "Project Saucy," an impressive redesign of a pizza box.

"Project Saucy" was created during the Fall 2010 semester for the Packaging Development class with Dr. Robert Meisner by four students: Kyle Kozlowski, Nate Nelson, Kayla Finnessy and Scott Evers.

How was "Project Saucy" born?

"Kyle thought of the idea to redesign the pizza box, and then our ideas of new features for the pizza box came from a group brainstorming

sessions," said Evers.

An award ceremony will take place on May 10 in Chicago, in recognition of "Project Saucy." The group also has plans of entering the project in another competition.

"We really didn't think that we could have won this competition, and when we heard the news, we were very excited," said Evers. "We are now going to be entering the WorldStar Package Design, which is a global competition."

The project has also sparked a business interest. Good things seem to be on the horizon for "Project Saucy."

"A large corporation is interested in our pizza box redesign, so we are hoping to see our design being used commercially soon," said Evers.



This creative pizza box design took first place in the Student AmeriStar Package Design Competition.

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The President of SSA: Neal Peterson

Eric Thorson
Editor-in-Chief

On April 14, 2011, Neal Peterson was elected as President of the 42nd Congress of the Stout Student Association (SSA) over Anna Holl by a margin of 89 votes. He replaces Sawyer Lubke, who led the SSA like his brother Michael did before him in 2007 and 2008.

Before Peterson is discussed, the Lubke legacy should be recognized. The Lubkes and the SSA are The University of Wisconsin-Stout's version of the Staal brothers of the National Hockey League. The brothers' name has appeared on SSA rosters in various roles every year for the better part of the last decade. That trend will continue with youngest brother Stephen serving as the Director of Internal Affairs

for the upcoming academic year. The Lubkes have contributed a great deal to this campus.

Current president Peterson is a 21-year-old computer engineering major. He got involved with the SSA during his freshman year. He has served as senator, public relations director and financial affairs director during his three years with the organization.

"The main thing I wanted to do when I first got here [to UW-Stout] was make a difference on campus," said Peterson. "I wanted to work with everyone who needs to be involved to get things done. SSA provides an opportunity to do that."

The SSA does a lot of behind-the-scenes business that most students are not aware of, including finding housing for students, dealing with landlord complaints, handling campus

finances and working directly with the city on various projects.

"I've seen a lot of changes in the short time I've been on campus," said Peterson. We've gotten a bus program for students and added more positions for the counseling center."

One of Peterson's goals is to keep a campus building open 24 hours for students to study, as well as provide access to the KeyServer software without having to use the UW-Stout VPN.

"The Memorial Student Center is coming back on campus, hopefully in January, right before second semester," said Peterson. "I'd really like to see that building open 24 hours. It is supposed to be a beautiful building, so having that option for students to study late at night should be beneficial."

Peterson's main initiative is to make the SSA

more transparent and let students know that the student government is there to serve them.

"We can provide a voice for students," said Peterson. "If we can start marketing what we do, I think we will be able to help students tremendously."

There are plans to revise the organization's website and communicate with students on a more personal level. Peterson has already started since he took office in mid-April. The job of the student body president doesn't halt with the culmination of spring semester.

"The summer plans are tackling issues with public relations," said Peterson.

"Who is SSA? What do we do? What do we provide? These are questions we need to answer. You have to have people know who you are, or else nothing can get done."



Neal might not like his new desk, but he's sure excited about his new job.

Michael Grevas/Stoutonia



Niche Blowout Sale

Rachael Lundeen
Staff Writer

From now until May 10, the Niche is having its final sale of the year. All merchandise will be marked 20-70 percent off.

The Niche is located in Heritage Hall on the second floor and is operated by retail students for the Retail Practicum class, which is an internship alternative. Everything in the store is marked down to the lowest prices of the entire semester.

"Everyone should check it out because there is something to match everyone's style, and because it is a great opportunity to see what different majors do for their programs," said Lindsey McInnis. "My favorite items on sale are the scarves because they are super trendy and at a great price right now with the sale."

Make sure to check out the blowout sale on Facebook. If you have any questions, contact Lindsey McInnis at mcinnisl@my.uwstout.edu.

Murder Trial Update

Jerad Maplethorpe
News Editor

Jared Britton, one of two former University of Wisconsin-Stout hockey players accused of chasing down and fatally wounding Brad Simon in September of 2010, will have his murder trial moved to Hud-

son, Wis., in St. Croix County. The trial was originally set to take place in Dunn County, but the judge was concerned that public sentiment would eliminate the possibility of a fair trial.

Britton's trial is scheduled for July. Jed McGlasson, the other UW-Stout hockey player convicted, will face trial in August.



Left: Jedidiah McGlasson

Right: Jared Britton's trial has been moved to Hudson, Wis.

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UW-Stout top 25 Graduates

Sonya Arendt, Bloomer, science education
Thomas Burmeister, Menomonie, applied social science
Thomas Colling, Appleton, information and communication technologies
Jordan Erickson, Cumberland, construction
Benjamin Ferron, White Bear Lake, Minn., manufacturing engineering
Stephanie Franklin, Eau Claire, psychology
Joshua Gauthier, Rhinelander, marketing and business education
Nicky Gehrman, Amery, management
Gary Gilles, Chippewa Falls, sustainable management
Tiffany Hahn, Pittsville, dietetics
Jennifer Kreitzer, Menomonie, art
Vanessa Kuettel, Hortonville, human development and family studies
Jami Kupczak, Somerset, management
Andrew Lange, Eau Claire, information and technology management
Ashley Matos, Eveleth, Minn., hotel, restaurant and tourism management
Laura Olson, Menomonie, art
John Papenheim, Fond du Lac, career, technical education and training
Daniel Rockwood, Menomonie, marketing and business education
James Sojka, Ladysmith, management
Joshua Smith, Menomonie, engineering technology
Keith Vesperman, Eau Claire, career, technical education and training
Lisa Westaby, Thorp, early childhood education
Heather Wilm, Menomonie, dietetics
Braden Witbeck, Menomonie, information and communication technologies
Briana Wyzlic, Ironwood, Mich., hotel, restaurant and tourism management

Introducing the new Stoutonia Editorial Board for 2011-2012



Back row: Hassan Javaid, Liz Schultz, Morgan Pfaller, Jerad Maplethorpe, Jessica Vaysberg.
Front row: Roseanne Meier, Chelsey Kosmatra, Brittney Norgren, Lauryn Seering, Katrina Nelson, Jamie Olson, Allie Schrader

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UW-Stout Spring Move Out

"Don't dump it! Donate it!"

Tiffany Willits
Staff Writer

Moving is never an easy task, but the University of Wisconsin-Stout's Third Annual "Spring Move Out" can help make it a bit easier. On Friday, May 20 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., UW-Stout is accepting unwanted clothing and furniture from those who would otherwise throw them in the garbage. The designated drop-off site will be at parking Lot #29 on 13th Avenue across from the Applied Arts Building.

"The event originated in 2008 when Sustainable Dunn (Linda Walsh), the City of Menomonie (Mayor Dennis Kropp), and the Dunn County Solid Waste and Recycling Supervisor (George Hayducsko) approached me with the idea of holding a 'Spring Move Out' on the UW-Stout campus to redirect all the furniture and other usable household goods from going into a landfill," said Professor Krista James of the biology department.

In past years, collected items were donated to Hope Gospel Mission in Eau Claire, Wis., but this year, everything will stay in Menomonie.

"For the first time, United Way of Dunn County has a large storage space for keeping the donated items," said James. "People whose houses have burned down or women who are in an emergency domestic abuse situation will be able to use these items at no cost."

"This year, we're really trying hard to get the word out to off-campus students. Students enrolled in Science Society and the Environ-

ment (BIO-111) will be a huge help in getting the word out this year. They're posting the event to their Facebook news, plus distributing fliers to apartment renters. We're also working with some of the larger rental property management businesses to encourage them to work with their tenants to donate instead of dump," said James.

The "Spring Move Out" event has been very successful in the past, and this year it's coordinators have high expectations.

"The reason I'm so involved is because of Galloway Creek, a stream that flows through the heart of the City of Menomonie," said James. "Before we had the 'Spring Move Out,' we were finding all kinds of furniture, tires and other large trash in the creek. Since we've been doing the 'Spring Move Out,' we don't see those items in the creek. I believe that's because students and their landlords are donating everything instead of trashing it."

Volunteers assisting in the "Spring Move Out" include Greensense, Natural Areas Club and Sustainable Agriculture Education.

"Athletes always volunteer to help, and my BIO-111 students will also help," said James. "This event wouldn't happen without all the support of other groups and organizations, such as Veolia ES, American Edge Real Estate, Stout's Environmental Sustainability Steering Committee, Dunn County Solid Waste Division, Sustainable Dunn, United Way of Dunn County, Stout's Student Involvement and Leadership Center and all of the wonderful UW-Stout student volunteers. This truly is a collaborative event, at all levels."

Acceptable donations include: usable clothes, household items, furniture, non-perishable and unopened boxes or canned food and electronics (working and non-working).

Unacceptable donations include: regular household garbage, recyclables (put these in your recycling containers for your regular curbside pickup) and any items you would never consider using yourself because they are too dirty or broken.

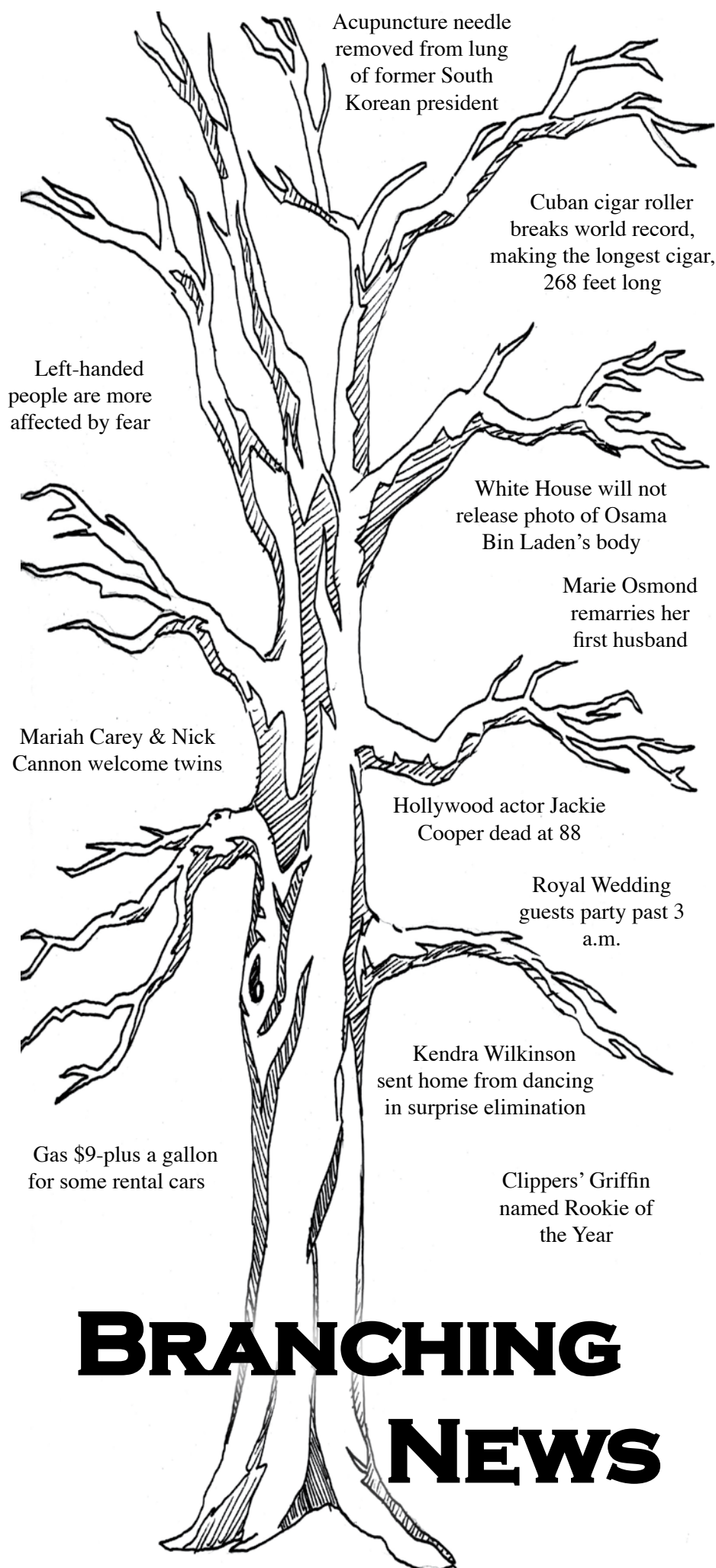
For more information, contact Krista James at jamesk@uwstout.edu or join the Facebook group at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=15654401532>.

UW-Stout "Spring Move Out"

When: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, May 20

Where: UW-Stout Parking Lot #29, on 13th Avenue across from the Applied Arts Building

What: An event designed to help off-campus students divert their reusable home items to worthy causes



BRANCHING NEWS



AMERICAN OBESITY



Biggest news of the decade



May 1 was a Sunday night; no one cares that it had a morning. Sunday only had a night! It was a Sunday night like no other. At around 10:30 p.m., President Barack Obama gave a speech that simultaneously lit fire to Twitter, Facebook, the news and most peoples' hearts. It also gave the United States and the entire world, quite the shock. What was it about?

OBAMA had taken out OSAMA!

After nearly 10 years of elusiveness, and one administration having long past, Osama Bin Laden took one right in the face. While nearly everyone in the US was busy pondering over the new, long formed Obama birth certificate, our Navy Seals were ordered by President Obama to eliminate the personification of evil that has poisoned our politics for nearly a decade.



Marc Anderson/Stoutonia



Students respond to Menomonie public intoxication ordinance

via Facebook



"If people are stumbling home, they shouldn't be punished for not driving. It really depends whether officers use their power of administering this new ordinance to people who truly are in danger of hurting themselves or other people. I feel like this is far too much of a slippery slope because it is solely based on the discretion of the particular officer."

- Lydia Haker



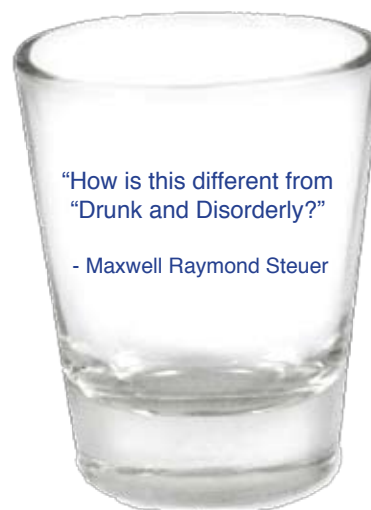
"So, as long as you behave like an adult, you really don't have anything to worry about?"

- John Schlack



"It's in the hands of our officers not to abuse this ordinance by handing out tickets to those just trying to have a good time and not causing a disturbance."

- Jeff Medema



"How is this different from 'Drunk and Disorderly?'"

- Maxwell Raymond Steuer



"It won't affect people unless they are so drunk that they can't take care of themselves. The only thing [Menomonie officers] are doing with this is now they are going to ticket the incapacitated people instead of giving them free rides home."

- Justin Vilhauer

A letter from the Stoutonia editor

Eric Thorson
Editor-in-Chief

I'd like to think I learned a thing or two during my career at the University of Wisconsin-Stout; I could also tell you a story or two to boot. One thing I've learned is how important it is to get involved on campus. Those of you who are beginning your college careers are being presented with an amazing opportunity. This campus is large enough that it isn't invisible, but small enough for you to pursue any field of interest you may have and be recognized for your accomplishments.

You have so much freedom and there are so many organizations on campus that it is unlikely that none of them will spark your interest. Even if you don't want to join one, you can create your own with a group of friends; the process for that isn't all too difficult. I'll tell you the same positives that your parents would tell you for joining an organization: you'll make new friends, and it will look good on your résumé. As much as you may not want to hear it, they're right.

Had I not joined Stoutonia, my college experience would have been far different. Yes, it was a lot of work but entirely worth every minute. Those of you who are concerned that joining an organization will interfere with your partying, stop. It will most likely just lead to meeting new people with whom to partake in good times. You have a chance to make your mark on the history of this campus. Don't squander that opportunity by being complacent and content with the niche you've already carved for yourself.

Since this is the final issue, I would like to thank my good friends at the Stoutonia, as well as adviser David Tank, for helping make this a historic year for this century-old publication. I would also like to thank you, the readers, for reading the words that we put so much work in to writing and meticulously dissect on a biweekly basis. As long as you are a student at UW-Stout, the Stoutonia will be there on the racks waiting for you to pick it up.

Create an incentive for students

Robert Kempainen
Opinions Editor

Before I left this campus, I wanted to share why I believe it is necessary for every student attending this university to get involved in some sort of student organization here on campus. I would like to go even further and suggest that the University of Wisconsin-Stout Administration and/or the Stout Student Association create an incentive for students to become more active on campus.

When I was a freshman, I was somewhat hesitant about getting involved with any student organizations on campus. Other than promising a great time, nobody (not even the school) really gave me a strong incentive to join any organizations. At the time, I didn't recognize the significance that organizations had in the University of Wisconsin-Stout community, nor did I realize the potential benefits they might have on my future endeavors.

I was not thinking about my education as being anything more than just a list of classes and a couple of internships.

The summer after my freshman year, however, something clicked. It was not the degree specifically that would make me marketable to an employer; rather, it would be the experiences and extracurricular activities outside of the classroom that would

show the full range of my educational experience. Ultimately, I realized that my education did not have to be limited to the classroom.

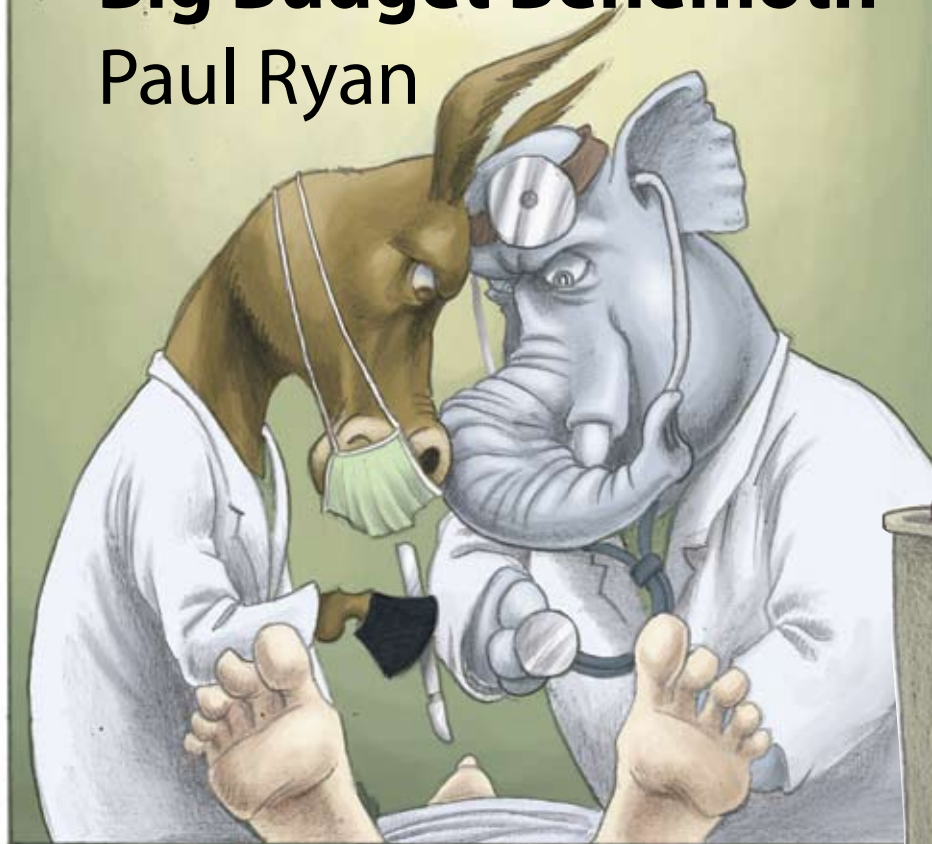
For those of you who doubt your potential, look to what one of the most famous Danish philosophers, Soren Kierkegaard, who once said: "No one grows as a human being except by taking risky commitment and taking to heart ones successes and failures." The solution for success, he said, was to, "plunge into activity, into action. Enter deep water and don't play in the shallows."

I would urge students to take this advice and apply it to their daily lives. College is the place to live and learn. Even if you don't feel like you belong to an organization, you will never know unless you try. Dive into the deep end and get involved with as many things on campus as you can. Find out what it is you are passionate about and go for it. You will not regret it.

If you want to make a difference in the community or better your chances at landing that fat cat salary once you graduate, join an organization. With over 120 student organizations recognized by the Stout Student Association, the opportunities for experience are endless.

Big Budget Behemoth

Paul Ryan



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Paul Ryan, a representative from Wisconsin, has more or less been the face of the GOP's federal budget proposal for 2011. While many Americans call his proposed budget cuts courageous, I can't help but be bewildered by this notion. It is true that the national debt has spiraled out of control, yet those on the right still cling to the ideals of the infallible Ronald Reagan. Cut taxes for the rich and trim the budget by any means necessary.

The federal budget is comprised of three major expenditures and a fourth sect that is a grouping of smaller government facets. The three big ones are defense spending, Medicare/Medicaid and social security, while the remainder of the budget is comprised of many smaller programs such as education, Planned Parenthood and the Environmental Protection Agency. Oddly enough, the budget committee decided that \$38.5 billion had to be cut out of the smallest players in the budget. There was no debate about cutting defense spending. With Ryan's new plan to privatize Medicare and Medicaid, he would essentially turn it into a voucher program.

As a nation, we do have to sit down and have a good discussion about what to do with Medicare, Medicaid and social security. There is, without a doubt, fat that can be trimmed. However, the idea that Ryan is in some way courageous or even wise to propose cuts in these programs is completely ludicrous.

Ryan's supporters have continually praised him for his bold actions and support his argument by saying he's the only one ballsy enough to propose unpopular cuts that will make a difference. What could be courageous about cutting programs that prop up our poor and elderly? How, in Ryan's proposals, can the defense budget survive untouched? After an audit of the CIA last year, there was around \$70 billion in wasted resources discovered, and somehow defense spending still receives immunity. In several speeches, Ryan has proclaimed that defense spending is the lowest it has been in several years. However, according to www.FederalBudget.com, the military budget is the second-highest it's been in 10 years, only \$50 billion behind the 2009 budget of approximately \$800 billion.

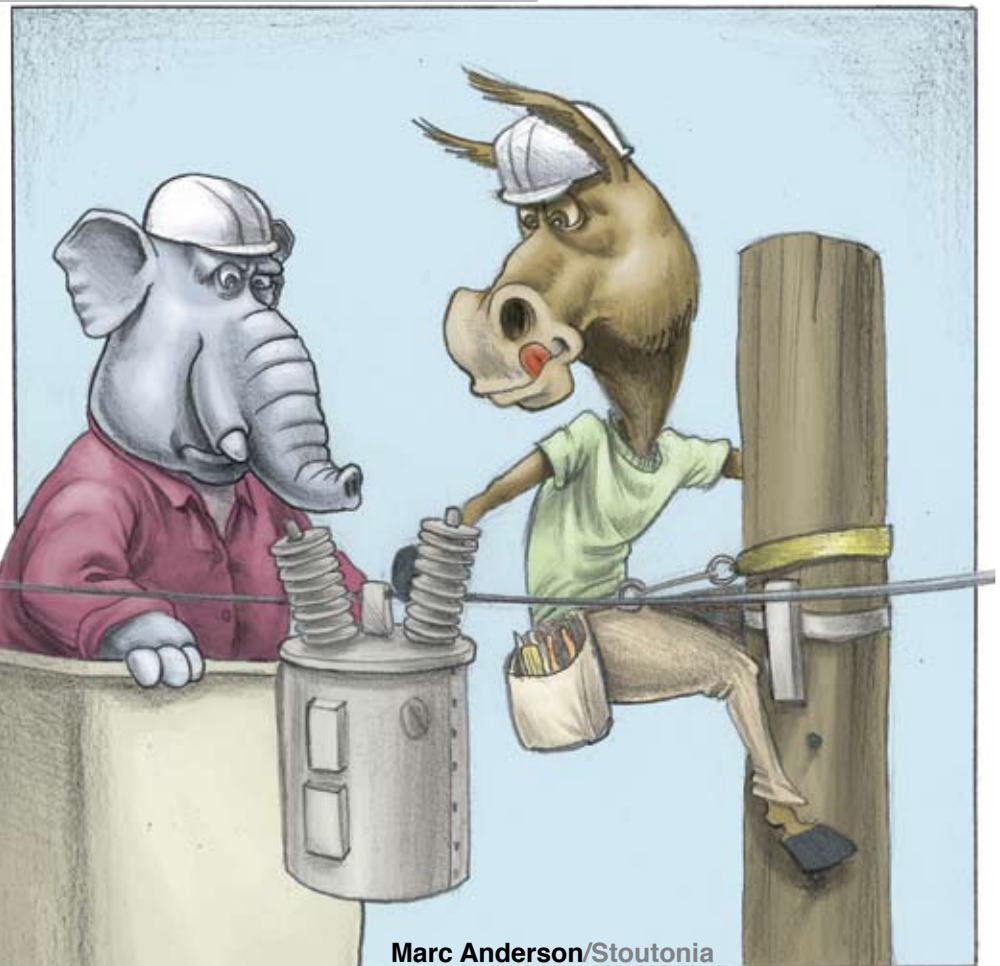
In a recent episode of "Real Time with Bill Maher," Maher outlined a very simple, painless solution to our deficit problem. Rather than going the spineless route that President Obama took in 2010 when he extended the Bush tax cuts on the wealthy, we should be raising taxes. The only way to create revenue is to raise taxes, an issue that Paul Ryan not only hasn't seriously addressed, but he has gone in the other direction, and insists on cutting more taxes for the rich and booming corporations.

In 2010, General Electric made approximately \$14 billion in profits. Not only did they not pay any taxes, but they also received a refund. It comes as no surprise that GE had upwards of 900 tax attorneys and accountants working to navigate the numerous loopholes that allowed for such a travesty.

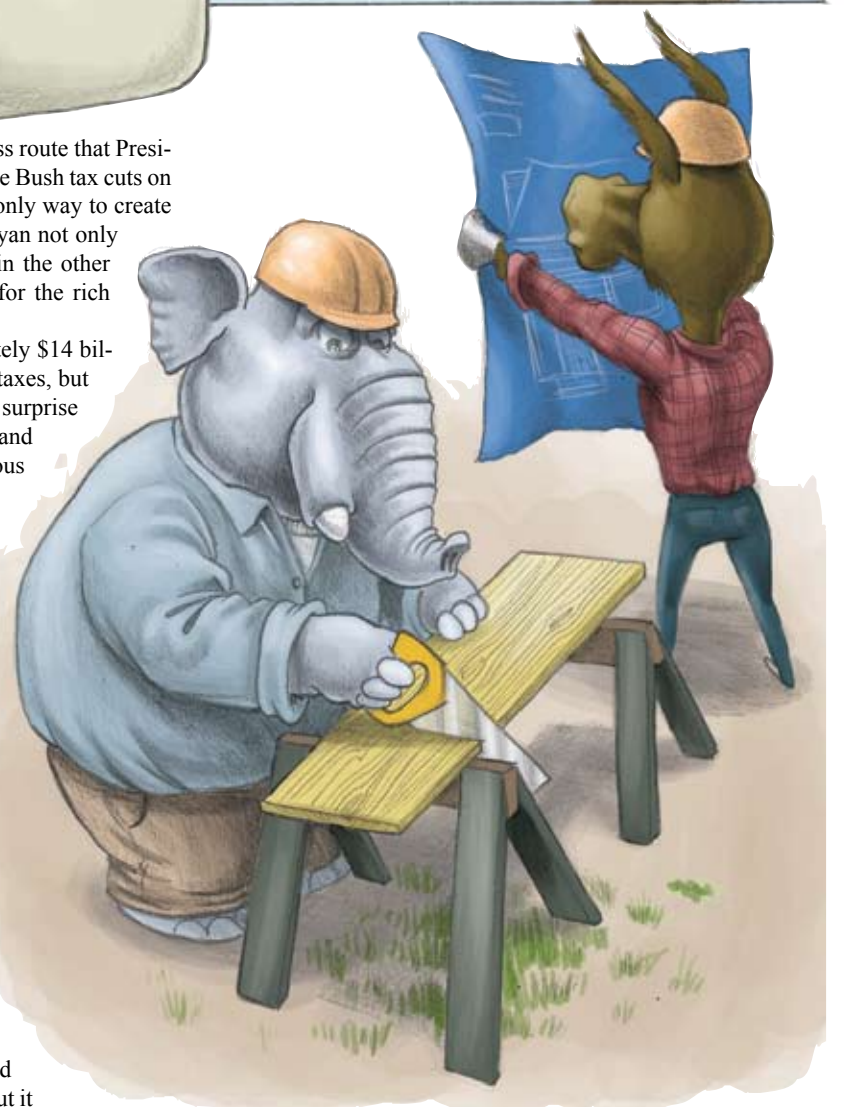
Another aspect of Maher's proposal would be to cut down on the "American Empire" (i.e. taking a good look at our military bases in foreign countries, involvement in Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, etc. and discuss what is really necessary for American security.)

While Bill Maher is a comedian, his commentary shouldn't be taken lightly. His proposals are certainly less laughable than those of Paul Ryan. However, with Ryan developing such a passionate following, his ideals are becoming sacrosanct in a way that should be cause for alarm.

Indeed, we do need to get our fiscal house in order, but if there is to be sacrifice made, it must be a shared sacrifice. It should not be a burden for the poor. Cutting the budget in places that affect those who need government assistance is not only cowardly, but it is ethically wrong and equally ineffective.



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Menomonie Garden

Roseanne Meier
Staff Writer

Are you kickin' it in Menomonie this summer and expecting that there will be nothing to do? The Menomonie Community Garden is in its second year of operation at Phelan Park and is an opportunity to grow plants and be active in the Menomonie community.

Sunday, May 22, is the opening day celebration with live music and a cookout that will feature local meats and produce. There will also be a demonstration on how to construct and set up a rain barrel. The one created at the event will then be given to the Child and Family Study Center, which plans on starting up its own garden soon.

Among the gardeners this year are two lucky University of Wisconsin-Stout students who won a plot at the Menomonie Community

Garden during the Earth Week celebration at UW-Stout. Other UW-Stout students plant in the garden too, including a class

of biology students.

"There are definitely some students who were involved heavily [last year] and are still participating," said Trevor Peterson, a UW-Stout VISTA representative. "There were a couple who had plots, and those were mostly biology students. Most are returning, and there are more this year."

Gardening often offers some unexpected surprises.

"There was a pumpkin patch that went wild," said Peterson. "With all the water we had last year, they [the pumpkins] loved it. People would draw each others' faces on them."

Another popular plant in the garden last year was strawberries, which will return again this year.

"We will have a section that is for strawberries," said Peterson. "The student has a plot again this year and they are perennials, so they will grow back."

To end the growing season last year, the group of gardeners had a celebration.

"At the end of the year celebration last year, they had an event that was to bring your craziest plant/vegetable," said Peterson.

Although there is a cold start to spring,

Peterson remains optimistic about the 2011 growing season.

"I've heard that last year, at this time, was much warmer," said Peterson. "We already have a cold start and a late start. If the weather was nice, people could have plants in the ground already."

This doesn't mean, however, that the garden will suffer.

"Mother Nature sets the deadline [of when it's too late to buy a plot and grow things]," said Peterson. "If you want to grow tomatoes or peppers, you will have to get starters for those. So, there is no deadline. The month of May would be a great time to jump on it."

The Menomonie Community Garden also donates fresh produce to Stepping Stones of Dunn County, the local food pantry.

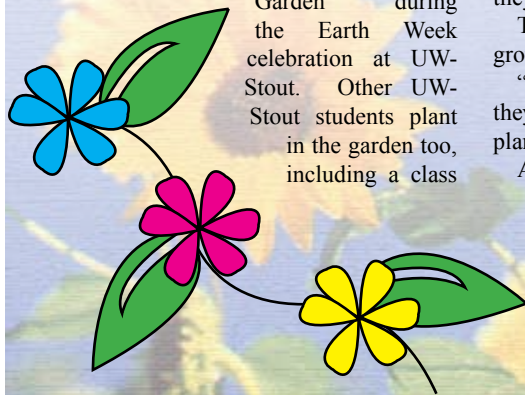
"An entire plot is dedicated for Stepping Stones of Dunn County," said Peterson. "They are upgrading their facilities. We are hoping to step in and partner with them."

In the future, Peterson hopes that more gardens will be dug around town.

"As the popularity and word gets out, there is no reason why people should have to drive across town," said Peterson. "A garden could

start in their neighborhood."

A plot at the garden costs \$25 and is 20 feet by 25 feet. Double and quad plots are available, as well as no-till and raised bed plots. To learn more about the Menomonie Community Garden, visit their webpage at: www.menomoniecommunitygardens.com.



Spring Fashion: Rain Boots

The rainy season this year brought out all the UW-Stout fashionistas' galoshes. So fall in line and out-smart this spring's nasty weather with some sweet, styling rain boots. These particular hip boots were spotted in the window of Ms. Ellaneous on Main St. Get 'em while they're hot! Or in this case, get 'em while it's cold and wet.



Andrew Vogl/Stoutonia

Portal 2 | Review

Rating: ★★★★★

Hassan Javaid
Staff Writer

If there was ever a franchise that has been the symbol and soul of video game culture, it's "Portal." Made infamous on the Internet by the phrase "the cake is a lie," "Portal" is a game that went viral for its impressive and witty dialogue, it's fun and original game mechanics and the excellent way in which the game teaches you how to play. It's no surprise that series developer Valve decided to make a follow-up to the small bonus spinoff game and really bring it up to the AAA game title status.

Thus, "Portal 2" was born. A game nearly four years in the making, "Portal 2" does the impossible – it expands and totally trumps the original. "Portal 2" is virtually better in every category, so much so that it makes the first game feel like the prototype that it originally was, rather than the huge sensation that it came to be.

Expanding on the strong foundation of the

first, "Portal 2" ramps up the quality in literally every department. The story and single player campaign is a lot more engrossing, funnier and motivating to play the game. Unlike the first game, the story is not just the dressing on top; it's the actual meat and core of the experience that goes hand in hand with gameplay. The production values are through the roof with some of the most impressive voice acting in video games. The graphics, despite running on Valve's now dated Source Engine, are just as good as any modern game. And, of course, the music and soundtrack is just as memorable and interesting as the first game.

Gameplay in "Portal 2" is just as good as its story and production values. The puzzles have actually been expanded to become more complex, varied and interesting. A big worry for fans of the original game was that "Portal 2" would become too difficult and complex. That worry is thrown out the window by the excellent game and level design of "Portal 2". The game is expertly paced, easing you into each game mechanic with such cleverness that it is definitely a crowning achievement. "Portal

2" never holds your hand, and at the same time, none of the game's puzzles are frustrating or difficult without being too easy either.

The core mechanics of the game are still present. Using the portal gun to make two portals that inter-connect is the key mechanic, allowing you to navigate through a number of different areas designed to make you use the gun in interesting ways. Of course, to further expand the game's interesting mechanics are a ton of new abilities like bio gels that make you speed up or bounce and launching platforms that keep the game fresh and new.

All in all, "Portal 2" is the crowning achievement of the games industry. It's an amazing experience that can truly only be experienced in the medium of video games. Available for the PC, PS3 and Xbox 360, this game is the one game you should and must play if you're even remotely interested in games.

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Mortal Kombat | Review

Rating: ★★★★★

Hassan Javaid
Staff Writer

The year has been amazing for fighting games. We had "Super Street Fighter IV," "Marvel versus Capcom 3," "Dissidia 012: Dodeciem," and now we have another very beloved franchise making a surprisingly amazing comeback. "Mortal Kombat," famous for its visceral combat, intensely unique story and art style and intense gore, is back. It is back, and boy is it good.

The ninth entry in this popular franchise sees a reboot of sorts. The game forgoes guest stars and fully 3D fighting for a return to the basics; a cool side-scrolling fighting game experience with a rebooted story. Given how

heavy a hitter "Marvel versus Capcom 3" was, and even "Dissidia 012" was, most expected "Mortal Kombat" to be a good but lackluster experience.

"Mortal Kombat" actually trumps all fighting games, setting the bar for the genre that will definitely revolutionize and improve fighting games as a whole. The most impressive thing about "Mortal Kombat" is that it manages the impossible; it pleases casual and hardcore gamers alike.

The single player story mode is the best seen in any fighting game. The story is a clever reboot of the series that tells of an alternate reality of sorts while keeping the canon from past games intact. It's cleverly welcoming new fans while still respecting older ones. The single player has you play as multiple characters, setting up an alternate story that spans the timeline of the first three "Mortal Kombat" games. It's amazing, and it's odd seeing a story and single player experience in a fighting game that is actually a lot better than most single player focused games. The story mode is a crowning achievement and reason alone to play the game.

The game itself, however, is surprisingly just as good. The gameplay has gone back to the 2D plane, with side scrolling combat, following in the footsteps of Street Fighter and MvC3. At the same time, the combat system is original, just as deep, and very spectacle-oriented. It's the golden times of MK, brought back, polished and molded into something that can evenly stand up and compete with most modern fighting games.

The presentation for the game is as well crafted as the game and story. The gore is back, turned all the way up to 11, with amazingly visceral attacks, gory and downright shocking fatalities (finishing moves) and even a new super move called X-Ray attack. X-Ray attack, part of the new super meter system, allows you to add a very damaging attack that literally shows your character breaking its opponents bones with its attacks. These powerful attacks are a really great comeback mechanic and a joy to unleash.

The replay value for this game is also through the roof. With a long single player game, the developers at Nether Realm Studios were hardly satisfied with stopping there. There is an arcade mode where you can unlock each character's individual ending. There's versus, online play, bonus modes like Test your Might and literally hundreds and hundreds of unlockable costumes, moves and goodies packed into the game.

"Mortal Kombat" is back, and it is definitely giving most other fighting games a run for their money. With amazing gameplay, out of this world presentation and overall great game design and care put into the product, "Mortal Kombat" is the definitive fighting game, surpassing everything else currently on the market. So, "Get over here!" and get it now!





Sarah Hoffman and Sarah Hibbing clean up the side walks on Main Street

Project Menomonie | Spring clean-up downtown

Dana Ostertag
Staff Writer

Mother Nature may be playing tricks on us with these bitter, cold May temperatures, but it is safe to say that spring is finally here. For many, the word "spring" is associated with the ever-so-daunting need to kick ourselves into the "spring cleaning" mode.

University of Wisconsin-Stout students and Main Street Menomonie have teamed up to generate an entirely new meaning behind "spring cleaning." On Saturday, April 30, a group of Next Experience members, University Housing resident advisors for upper classmen, paired up with Main Street Menomonie to clean up downtown. Dumpsters were organized and provided through the collaboration with Main Street Menomonie, a nonprofit organization that co-sponsored the event.

For those who may not know, the Next Experience refers to all of the students and dorm halls that don't house freshmen (North Hall and North Campus). Freshmen are then considered to be in the First Experience dorm halls.

The plan was to draw in student volunteers and community members to help pick up trash located in downtown Menomonie from 1 to 4 p.m.

"We wanted to do something beneficial for the community. After the snow melts, there's a lot of trash that needs to be picked up," said Zena Knaus, a junior in the technical communication major and resident advisor (RA) in North Hall.

"As an RA, I like how you get to build your community, watch your students develop,

answer questions and figure out what's going on if they're not asking questions," said Knaus. "It's a good learning experience."

Knaus had the pleasure of being one out of the five Next Experience RA staff members in charge of hosting the Project Menomonie downtown clean-up event.

Five staff members, two community members and two students from campus attended the event. The rainy weather made for

a less than pleasant day to be out picking up trash, but these nine attendees showed their dedication to doing something great for the community.

"It was a good event, it went well and it was fun for the people who did come," said Knaus. "It was a nice way to reach out to community members. Shelley Steward of Main Street Menomonie did stay after we all left and two more people showed up."

"I like the Next Experience because the students are a little

more settled in than freshmen are, so it's a little easier to get them involved and interested in events," said Knaus.

Knaus explained that all Next Experience buildings are split into RA groups at the beginning of the year and each group hosts three events throughout the year. From there, the events are then broken down into three subcategories: one service learning program (like Project Menomonie), one traditional/social program and one educational program.

Future events are then planned according to the success of previous events. So, can Next Experience students expect to look forward to Project Menomonie next year?

"Yes, theoretically it will be one of the events that will automatically be happening again next year and Main Street Menomonie is hoping for it," said Knaus.



Zena Knaus, co-host of Project Menomonie



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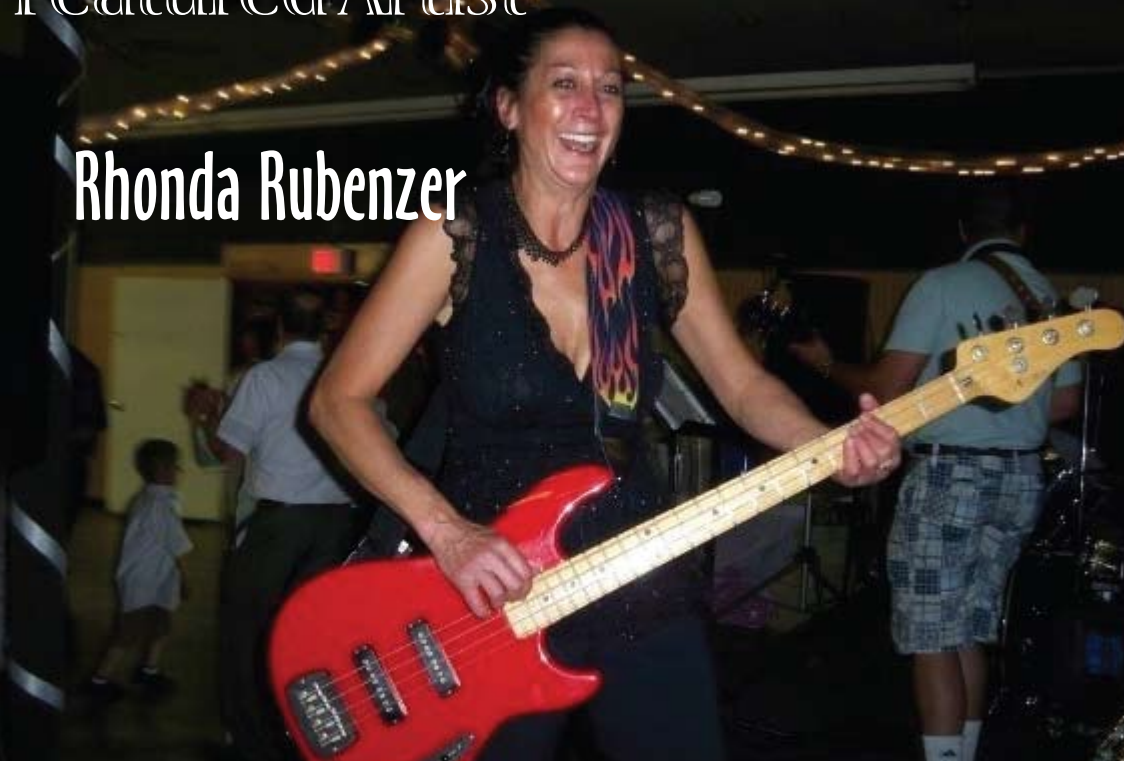
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Featured Artist

Rhonda Rubenzer



Position at UW-Stout: Student Organizations Account Manager

Hobbies: playing guitar and singing, motorcycle riding, water sports, shooting pool, hunting, fishing and spending time outside.

Favorite aspect about campus life: I love working with the students, meeting with them and getting to learn about the many different things the organizations are involved in and experience throughout the year.

Favorite band: When I was growing up, it was Kiss. My current favorite is Michael W. Smith – I love listening to his music.

Favorite song lyric: "How great is our God!"



Rhonda Rubenzer/Contributed Photos

Roseanne Meier
Staff Writer

Rhonda Rubenzer is an avid bass guitar player who works at the University of Wisconsin-Stout as the Student Organizations Account Manager. Rubenzer has been playing the guitar since she was around 8 years old and has since formed the band, Royal Flush, with her father and three brothers.

"Our band began when my brothers and I were the entertainment for the end of the year Chippewa River Baseball League party," said Rubenzer. "Someone from the crowd came and wanted to book 'our band,' which we weren't at the time. She took our phone numbers and continued to call us until we agreed. Thus, the beginning of Royal Flush. It's always a wonderful time to get together and experience a joyful time with my brothers."

Royal Flush's musical style varies depending on where it performs. Most commonly, the band's performances occur at weddings, special occasions and family gatherings.

"Our music includes everything from rock 'n' roll, country, Christian, polka, waltz and yes, we even play the 'bird dance' and the 'Hokie Pokie,'" said Rubenzer. "It's amazing that is the one song that gets everyone from two to 92 out on

the floor dancing."

Rubenzer also plays bass guitar for the Worship Team at Alliance Church.

"My mother died when I was 24, and she loved listening to our music," said Rubenzer. "I will continue to sing and play for the remainder of my life because I enjoy it, giving praise to our creator and in memory of my mother."

Rubenzer started playing music at a young age, when her parents handed her instruments.

"I played the guitar for mass in my small Jim Falls church during my growing up years, which I enjoyed," said Rubenzer. "I also played clarinet in high school."

Playing the bass guitar is not only a hobby but also a passion for Rubenzer.

"Most every day, I can be found playing my six-string and singing around my house with my children or just hanging out with friends," said Rubenzer. "I have written some songs but have not really done anything with them, other than sing them to myself and a few friends or family."

If you are ever in the Student Organization Society (SOC) building on Main Street, stop and have a chat with Rhonda Rubenzer.



THE DILLINGER ESCAPE PLAN |

UW-Stout alum to speak about his new book, "The Wisconsin Road Guide to Gangster Hot Spots"

Andrew Vogl
Entertainment Editor

There is so much mystery and intrigue surrounding Wisconsin's gangster past; it is hard not to get wrapped up in the history and stories of bloody bank robberies, lavish lifestyles, riveting car chases and daring prison escapes that came to define the Midwest in the 1930s. On Sunday, May 15 at 1:30 p.m., University of Wisconsin-Stout Alum Chad Lewis will speak at the Dunn County Heritage Museum about his new book, "The Wisconsin Road Guide to Gangster Hot Spots" and satiate your thirst for knowledge about Wisconsin's criminal history.

Menomonie, or "the city with the crooked bridges," as many gangsters in the area knew it, was a hotbed for gangster activity during the early 20th century. To this day, the 1931 Kraft State Bank robbery in Menomonie remains one of the bloodiest in the state's history.

"The gangsters hated Menomonie," said Lewis. "They didn't hate it because of the town – they hated it because all of the crooked roads made for a difficult escape. You would not have thought that it would be the place they would be, but they were."

In what is now the parking lot for M&I Bank, bank robbers stormed the Kraft State Bank at 9:15 a.m. on Oct. 20, 1931, taking two hostages and firing a barrage of bullets before escaping east down US Highway 12.

"The Dunn County Heritage Museum actually has some of the old remnants of the bank, some bullets and even an alleged gun from the robbery," said Lewis. "The history isn't dead – it's just kind of hidden."

In his book, Lewis covers roughly 20 Wisconsin locations that hold significant gangster history.

"A lot of the time when I went to these places, I was hoping that the owners would have some new information about what happened back then," said Lewis. "Sadly, the majority of the time I went in there, I ended up telling the owners more about the history of the place than they could tell me. A lot of these stories have been forgotten, even by the owners of the places they transpired."

Instead, Lewis resorted to scouring newspaper articles and visiting various historical societies, libraries and museums to research events. He also spoke with a few seniors who were alive during the time and had experienced the gangster era first-hand.

"I was able to track down a guy near Madison who was a young boy when he saw Baby Face Nelson crash his car in front of a grocery store while he was waiting for his brother," said Lewis. "What was funny was that I found him way out in the middle of nowhere at a bar playing euchre with six other guys. I had to interrupt their game of cards and have him tell me the story and after he told me it, he said no one had ever asked him about it before. He was one of the only living witnesses still alive today, and the story would have died with him had I not asked him about it."

Lewis' presentation will provide a visual road trip of all the places he talks about in his book.

"A lot of these places are still there," said Lewis. "You can go and sleep in the same room that Baby Face Nelson slept in or order a steak from the same table that John Dillinger did."

Lewis has trekked across the world in search of unique and bizarre stories and history and has been featured on the Discovery Channel's "A Haunting," ABC's "World's Scariest Places," and hundreds of radio interviews, TV appearances and newspaper articles. He is the author of the "Hidden Headlines" series and also the co-author of the "Road Guide to Haunted Locations" book series. His book is available online and in most major bookstores.



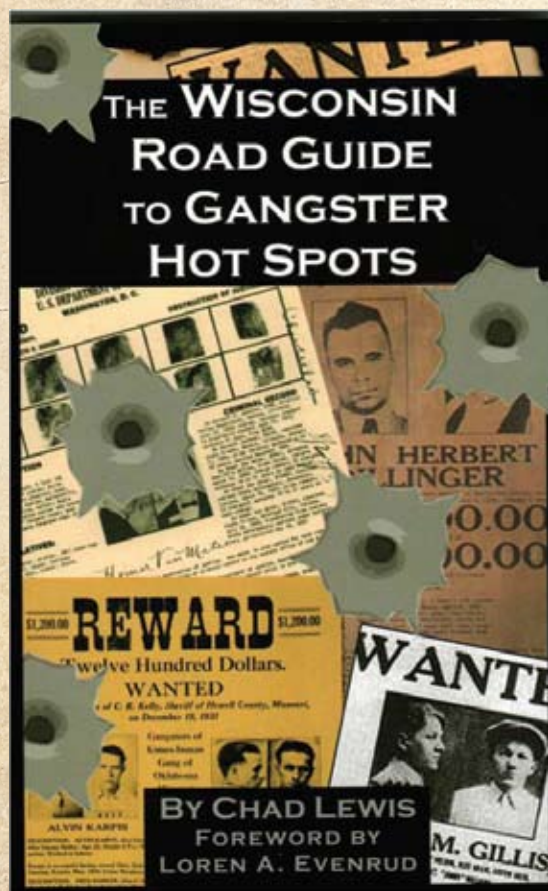
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A crowd of Menomonie citizens gathered outside the Kraft State Bank.



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Winfield Kern, a local Menomonie business owner, posed smugly outside his shop where he fired rounds from inside at the escaping Krate State Bank robbers



Chad Lewis/Contributed

Chad Lewis, author of "The Wisconsin Road Guide to Gangster Hot Spots."



The escape route of the Kraft State Bank robbers, published in the local newspaper.

Men's Lacrosse Team Best in UW-Stout History

Lauryn Seering
Sports Editor

At the University of Wisconsin-Stout, sports teams come in all shapes and sizes. Teams can be university sanctioned yet can also form from athletic clubs. The men's lacrosse team is an example of the latter. Athletes who participate on the team are not required to endure the process of try-outs because there is no exclusion. The men who play lacrosse here do so because they have a passion for the sport.

"Once you start playing it, you really can't shake it," explains team President Alex Pletsch. "A lot of guys played in high school, and they continue that tradition here."

Lacrosse originated centuries ago with Native Americans. It is most popular with high school and college programs on the East Coast; however, the sport has recently begun to gain popularity in the Midwest and is swiftly becoming the fastest growing sport in the nation.

Lacrosse is a high school sanctioned sport in Minnesota, where it is a varsity sport at many high schools around the Twin Cities area. This means

the high schools fund the team and it is played at a very competitive level. Wisconsin high schools currently play at a club level, but more and more schools are expecting to be sanctioned shortly.

"I attended the University of Minnesota-Duluth and played there before I came to UW-Stout," said Pletsch. "UM-D had a more prestigious program, so when I transferred here, I knew I wanted to keep playing."

At UW-Stout, the men's lacrosse club competes in the Great Lakes Lacrosse League (GLLL). Many schools across the Midwest such as the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and many others also participate in the league that is composed of 42 teams. A traditional season usually extends eight games followed by the post season.

Being in a club sport can be positive both for the athletes and their schooling.

"Club sports are less competitive, and when it's less competitive, it's less stress on your body and schooling," Pletsch said. "On a more competitive lacrosse team, you wake up at 6 a.m., have practice, go to class and then have practice

again at night. It was not easy to find time to get schoolwork done. With the club level we are at, we have a healthy balance of both academics and extracurricular activities."

It can often be more difficult to participate in a club sport, however.

"We don't get as much field time, both outside in the fall and in the Multi-Purpose Room during the winter," said Pletsch. "Intramurals and Division III teams tend to have more court time over us."

This does not stop the club from excelling at the sport.

"Recently we won the Western conference within the GLLL," said Pletsch. "The league is composed of four conferences based upon region, and we went 8-0 in the West. We are proud of this undefeated record. We just got back from the post season tournament at UW-La Crosse this past weekend, where we placed fifth out of 42 teams. This is the best UW-Stout has ever done. It was a big honor for me as president."

The 20-man team starts practicing in the fall, two weeks into September. It plays outside on the turf until the snow starts falling, at which point

it moves into the Multi-Purpose Room until it can once again play outside. The team hosts the Indoor Box Lacrosse Fundraiser every winter in the Xcel Energy Center. The team scrimmages UW-River Falls out of season for this fundraising event. Family and friends of the team attend, and the team uses ticket prices to fund uniforms and equipment.

"I'm looking forward to the new season," said Pletsch. "New, incoming talent has been contacting me throughout the year, and hopefully we can improve upon our undefeated record. We want to build off of what we have worked so hard to gain this last season."

"We are always looking for new talent," said Pletsch. "A few players on our team have never picked up a stick before but still develop into great players throughout the season. We all get along very well together, and new faces always add a new sense of character to the team."

If you are interested in joining the Men's Lacrosse Club in the fall, contact Alex Pletsch at pletscha@my.uwstout.edu.



Alexander Pletsch / Contributed photo.

Above: Team celebrates after another victory, keeping them undefeated.

Right: John White, Eric Ostlund, and Erik Peterson batter for a face-off win.

Below: Kevin Kosel, John White, Alex Pletsch, and Eric Ostlund celebrate a victory.



Ultimate Frisbee “spirit” unique to competitive sports

Morgan Pfaller
Staff Writer

The game of Ultimate is an exciting, no-contact team sport, played by many people all over the world. It includes the best features of sports such as soccer, basketball, rugby and American football. The object of the game is to score points by passing the disc to players in the opposing end zone. The game is now officially called Ultimate, although it was formerly called Ultimate Frisbee due to the trademark for the line of discs used in the competition.

At the University of Wisconsin-Stout, students can participate in the game of Ultimate year round, practicing indoors during the winter until the college final series in the spring. The team encourages anyone to join who would like to learn more about the game and become a true team player.

“It’s the most fun I have ever had,” said Nick Hecht, the club president. “It’s not about a title or a trophy. It’s different than any other competitive sport; it’s about a good time.”

This year, the club had 14 participants who traveled to five tournaments all over Wisconsin, including Stevens Point and Appleton. It even

trekked all the way to Richmond, Ind. to play in a tournament. The club funds some of its equipment and costs through a huge fundraiser selling Yeti Ultimate Discs.

What sets the game of Ultimate apart from other competitive sports is the spirit of the game. The rules run the sport, which means participants are expected to call their own fouls and make sure no one cheats. Technically, the game does not have official refereeing; however, there are observers in the higher levels who can only make a call if it cannot be figured out by the players.

“The game gives players an opportunity to figure out what kind of person someone is. Most people don’t have a problem with making a fair call,” said Hecht.

The game of Ultimate is not just a “man’s sport.” Both men and women play competitively together on the field.

“I became involved in the sport during high school, and I enjoyed how it included both boys and girls,” said Hecht. “The spirit of the game was very unique to me and now, four years later, I run the club.”

The spirit of the game is sportsmanship, respect for other players, fair play and having fun. These are the central aspects of the game, even



Above: Nick Hecht calls for a pass of the frisbee.

Nick Hecht / Contributed photo.

Left: The team, made up of both male and female athletes, pose for a group picture.

Below: A group of athletes joke around on the field, showing the fun spirit of the game.



when the competition becomes intense between the two teams. Ultimate has relied on placing the responsibility for fair play on the players, but highly-competitive play is still encouraged. Many tournaments give awards for the most spirited team—voted on by all participating teams—proving that winning does not drive the game.

The field is 120 yards by 40 yards, and each end zone is 25 yards deep. The first throw of the game is determined by flipping a coin called the “Pull.” Each team starts in its own end zone. The team with the disc throws it to the other team, and once a player has possession of the disc he or she has 10 seconds to pass it. This is referred to as the stall count, where players count, “Stall one, stall two, etc.,” out loud until the disc is thrown.

The field has seven players from each team, and substitutions are made between points if needed. After a team scores, the losers “walk,”

which means the teams switch end zones after each point is scored. Goals are scored by a team successfully completing a pass to a player located in the defensive end zone. The game continues until either team reaches 15 points with a two-point margin over the opponent, or until either team reaches 17 points total. Tournaments are often held to 13 points to conserve time.

When the team is not competing, it practices on Nelson Soccer field, playing a scrimmage against one another to get the hang of the game. Team members encourage anyone to join at the beginning next season. Students should attend the first practice of the fall semester or contact one of the captains. The club provides discs, but members should bring their own cleats.

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Softball team training hard for end of season game

Jodi Larson
Staff Writer

It has been a rough season so far for the University of Wisconsin-Stout softball team due to unfavorable weather conditions. Bringing the team's overall skills together on the field has proven to be a bit more difficult this season for the softball team. Although there is strength within the team this year, it has been struggling to master its skills all together at each game.

Our season has been a bit of a disappointment this year because we expected to do better," said sophomore and captain of the team Alison Gray. "We still have high hopes for ending the season on a good note. We need to put it all together. Some days we have pitching, others we have hitting or defense. We are at our best when all of those assets come together."

On May 1, the UW-Stout softball team hosted two games against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. In the first game UW-Oshkosh took control of the field, shutting out UW-Stout with a 17-8 win.

According to the UW-Stout athletics website, "After allowing 17 runs in the first game. The UW-Stout softball team virtually shut down UW-Oshkosh's offense in the second game and garnered a split with the Titans Sunday, May 1 at Alumni Field. The Titans won the first game, 17-8, while UW-Stout needed only six innings for a 9-1, second game win."

After a hard defeat in the first round, UW-Stout was able to bounce back with a 9-1 lead after a much-needed pep talk between the games.

"Going into the games, we were still battling for a spot in the conference tournament, and we knew that we had nothing to lose," said in-fielder Courtney Richardson, an early childhood education major. "We made some mental errors on the field in the first game, but we hit well. However, UW-Oshkosh still came out on top in the first game. In the locker room between games, we talked about what we needed to do in the second game, and we did exactly that and came away with the win. Everyone gave it everything they had, and we ended the game in six innings."

The team chemistry this year is strong. Many of the athletes have been great assets to the team and hold leadership characteristics that can be seen throughout practice as well as during games. Having strong leadership qualities within a team contributes immensely to how a team performs, and the UW-Stout softball team has shown potential in this area of the sport.

"We have one senior, Kelly Conway. She is an amazing leader," said Gray. "She leads vocally, as well as by example. I admire her a lot for all she has accomplished in her playing career. We also have dedicated coaches who care about us as individuals both on and off the field."

"Kelly Conway, our only senior, has done a great job leading the team this year," said Richardson. "She works so hard, whether it is in practice or in games. She sets the bar high for what Stout softball is all about. Our other two captains, Gray and Sammy Peterson, have also been great leaders and keep the team going."

The UW-Stout softball team is young this year with almost half the team being incoming freshmen.

The coaching staff and upperclassmen are setting themselves up for next year by raising up the newcomers and strengthening skills on the field. Softball is about learning from mistakes and counteracting those mistakes in the next games.

"We have had our ups and downs," said Richardson. "We had a great open to our season going seven and three during spring training, beating nationally ranked teams. We came back and worked hard for two weeks and then opened our season at home. Most games have been close and have been good battles."

"I think to become one of the top teams in the conference we need to just come mentally prepared to every game," said Richardson. "A lot of our wins and losses have been determined by how mentally prepared we were. I think if we come ready to play from the first pitch to the last, we can be one of the top teams in the conference."

The UW-Stout softball team is training hard for the end of its season. The players hope to end strong and have a good training foundation for the start of next year.



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Kelly Conway winds up for a long outfield throw.

O'Connell named Hitter of the Week

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On April 21, Brandon O'Connell, a senior, third baseman from Elk Mound, Wis., raised his batting average over 1,000 points, earning the seventh NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) Division III National Hitter of the Week honors for the week of April 11-17. O'Connell led the University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils to a three to one week by batting .813, raising his average from .302 to .405. O'Connell scored five doubles, one home-run, a slugging percentage of 1.313 with an on-base percentage of .842 and 12 runs batted-in.

In a split against the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, O'Connell went 8-for-10 with four doubles and eight RBI. During the second game, he hit three doubles, going 4-for-5 with six RBI. His personal success against the UW-Whitewater Warhawks earned him the title of Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Week.

"I found out through a text message from my coach [Nate Hanson], and it felt great to hear that news," said O'Connell. "I've never been named Player of the Week before. I consider myself one of many leaders on the team."

This is O'Connell's final season of playing

baseball for the Blue Devils, and he has certainly made a name for himself. "This is it for college baseball and the last time I'll get to play with a lot of my friends, so my attitude is to take things one game at a time and don't have any regrets out on the field."

The team knows that its biggest challenge is putting all three aspects of the game together: pitching, fielding and hitting. When the players come together with all three, that's when they are a great team.

"The University of Wisconsin-Superior is a lot like us-- they can surprise you if you underestimate them," said O'Connell when asked about upcoming opponents. "They've been playing well lately and have some good pitching."

The Blue Devils faced the UW-Superior Yellow Jackets May 1-2 at home in a double-header. "It is a huge deal to play on our home field," said O'Connell. "Going into any game, the team wants a victory, but there is more of an emphasis on that win when we are playing at home in front of our friends and family."

The Blue Devils are a close knit team, something that differentiates it from its opponents. "We are all friends outside of baseball, and that friendship helps us make it through some of the rough games we have faced this season," says O'Connell. "We stay in touch

during the off season and many of us play baseball together during the summer."

O'Connell draws his inspiration from his teammates and follows a philosophy of playing every game with intensity. He believes the team's weakness is playing mistake-free baseball.

"It's important to trust everyone on the team and have their back when they make a mistake," said O'Connell.

Even though the season is about to come to an end, the team is still maintaining a vigorous practice schedule. A typical week of practice includes infield/outfield reps and batting practice.

"We weight train and hop in the batting cages every day," said O'Connell. "If there's something we need to work on that has become a weakness, we address the problem and do drills until we fix it."

One strength of the team is the experience of four seniors who have had significant playing time since their freshman year.

"I feel that the overall confidence of the team is much better than last year, mainly because the team has grown so much since last year," said Dan Britts, a sophomore from Nekoosa, Wis. "We have shown that we have the tools to succeed, but we need to find our total comfort zone at the plate, as well as on the mound, in order to be successful on a regular basis."



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O'Connell feels that the confidence of the team has gone up significantly.

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Track & field

The University of Wisconsin-Stout's men track & field team is gearing up for the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletics Conference. At the St. Mary's Invitational on Saturday, Sam Flood won the 100-meter with a time of 10.81 seconds and the 200-meter with a time of 22.05 seconds. Daniel Drewek took first in the pole vault with a leap of 17-feet, 0.25-inches, his top jump since last season.

The team will travel to the UW-Platteville on May 6 & 7 for the WIAC Championship meet.



Men's Golf

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men's golf team will be making its third consecutive appearance at the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Men's Golf Championships. The Blue Devils are one of 38 teams in the field to make it to the finals. The team finished in a tie for 11th place last year and 12th place two years ago. The team is sending four players to participate in the tournament.

The golf team will return to the course next spring season.



Women's Softball

The University of Wisconsin-Stout softball team faced the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in a double header. It was the last home game of the season for the team. UW-Whitewater won the game in a clean sweep 9-0 and 13-2. UW-Stout closed out the season on Wednesday, May 4 against Hamline University in a double header. The Blue Devils lost the first game and won the second, ending the season on a high note.

UW-Stout will return to the field next spring season.

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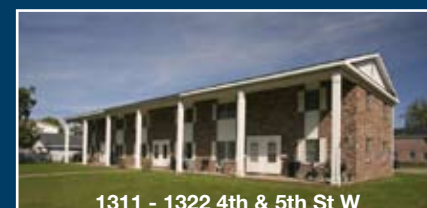
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